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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

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EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OR REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION BY ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF FOUND NECESSARY TO BE SET FORTH IN ANY REPORT FOR DISSEMINATION.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant's statement dated August 2, 1962, containing information orally furnished on August 2, 1962, by CG 5824-53, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on August 3, 1962, and the original report is maintained in CG2120 A)134-46-7641.

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(1-100-86578 (PHIL BART)

(1-100-74900 (CP, USA - Funds)

(1-100-86638 (CP, USA - Membership)

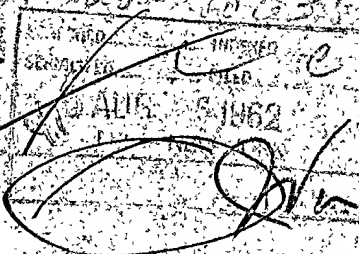
(1-100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)

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August 2, 1962

While engaged in some private, confidential discussion on August 2, 1962, PHIL BART was overheard to bring up the question of the Party's current membership. In this regard, BART noted that as far as he knows, the membership figure for the Party is currently at a standstill. While dues payments are coming in at a good pace, they do not reflect the current membership totals. This, BART noted, resulted from the fact that during the Spring of 1962 many of the districts paid up delinquent dues for the year 1961 and that while these dues payments probably reflect quite accurately the membership for late 1961, they do not hold valid for 1962. When it was noted that in regard to dealing with the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the membership figure for the Communist Party, USA, is normally referred to as being between eight to ten thousand members, BART noted that "if you cut the figure in half, you have got it."

SAC, Miami (100-800)

August 8, 1962

Director, FBI (100-3-68)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The Bureau has noted that reports submitted by your office under the caption "Communist Party, USA, Southern Region, Miami Division, Internal Security - C," revealed that there has been no Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), organization or activity within the territory covered by your division for the past several years. However, your office continues to carry an estimated CPUSA membership figure of 17 based on information furnished in 1959 by an anonymous source having access to the records of Bertha Teplow, who was then serving as CPUSA organizer for the State of Florida. Although these individuals were not identified by name in Teplow's records, which are believed to pertain to the year 1958 or possibly earlier, your office has been able to make tentative identifications of 14 of these individuals through descriptive data in the records. Bufiles pertaining to these 14 individuals disclose that they are not known to have engaged in any form of CPUSA activity for several years; the majority are not known to have been active in over 10 years; and only one of these individuals, [redacted] is currently on the Security Index.

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From the foregoing, it would appear that the individuals listed in the estimated CPUSA membership of your office, with the exception of [redacted], may no longer be considered current members as there has been no recent information on which to base these conclusions. Accordingly, the Bureau desires that your office review your evaluation of the estimated CPUSA membership within your division. Advise the Bureau of any change in your estimated CPUSA membership figure as a result of this re-evaluation.

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# ESTIMATED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 30, 1962

The following figures are set out according to states and territory, field divisions and Communist Party districts:

## MEMBERSHIP IN STATES AND TERRITORIES

Alabama	5	Maine	0	Pennsylvania	150
Alaska	0	Maryland	40	Rhode Island	9
Arizona	20	Massachusetts	93	S. Carolina	0
Arkansas	0	Michigan	194	S. Dakota	24
California	996	Minnesota	180	Tennessee	0
Colorado	2	Mississippi	0	Texas	30
Connecticut	33	Missouri	38	Utah	15
Delaware	3	Montana	19	Vermont	2
District of Columbia	7	Nebraska	3	Virginia	7
Florida	33	Nevada	0	Washington	230
Georgia	3	New Hampshire	2	W. Virginia	9
Hawaii	2	New Jersey	150	Wisconsin	112
Idaho	5	New Mexico	5	Wyoming	0
Illinois	447	New York	1,979		
Indiana	52	N. Carolina	4	<u>Total</u>	<u>5,153</u>
Iowa	3	N. Dakota	19		
Kansas	7	Ohio	160	<u>Territory</u>	
Kentucky	0	Oklahoma	11		
Louisiana	10	Oregon	40	Puerto Rico	11

## MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD DIVISIONS

Albany	14	Houston	3	Oklahoma City	11
Albuquerque	5	Indianapolis	52	Omaha	6
Anchorage	0	Jacksonville	6	Philadelphia	134
Atlanta	3	Kansas City	10	Phoenix	20
Baltimore	43	Knoxville	0	Pittsburgh	25
Birmingham	2	Las Vegas	0	Portland	40
Boston	104	Little Rock	0	Richmond	7
Buffalo	31	Los Angeles	643	St. Louis	35
Butte	24	Louisville	0	Salt Lake City	15
Charlotte	4	Memphis	0	San Antonio	7
Chicago	444	Miami	17	San Diego	35
Cincinnati	14	Milwaukee	112	San Francisco	318
Cleveland	146	Minneapolis	223	Savannah	0
Dallas	15	Mobile	3	Seattle	230
Denver	2	Newark	150	Springfield	3
Detroit	194	New Haven	33	Tampa	10
El Paso	5	New Orleans	10	Washington Field	7
Honolulu	2	New York	1,936	<u>Total</u>	<u>5,153</u>
		Norfolk	0		

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<u>DISTRICTS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>STATES INCLUDED IN DISTRICT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>
Connecticut District	33	Connecticut	33
Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District	137	Pennsylvania (Eastern) Delaware	134 3
Illinois District	460	Illinois (Excluding East St. Louis area) Iowa (Davenport & Bettendorf only) Indiana (Lake County only)	447 0 13
Indiana District	39	Indiana (Excluding Lake County)	39
Maryland-D.C. District	47	Maryland District of Columbia	40 7
Michigan District	194	Michigan	194
Minnesota-Dakota District	223	Minnesota North Dakota South Dakota	180 19 24
Missouri District	41	Missouri Kansas (Kansas City only) Illinois (East St. Louis only)	38 3 0
Montana District	19	Montana	19
New England District	106	Vermont Maine New Hampshire Massachusetts Rhode Island	2 0 2 93 9
New Jersey District	150	New Jersey	150
New York District	1,979	New York	1,979
Northern California District	329	California (north of Kern & Santa Barbara Counties)	329
Northwest District	235	Washington Idaho Alaska	230 5 0
Ohio District	163	Ohio West Virginia (Panhandle Section)	160 3

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Oklahoma-Arkansas District	11	Oklahoma Arkansas	11 0
Oregon District	40	Oregon	40
Southern California District	667	California (Exclusive of counties north of Santa Barbara & Kern Counties)	667
Southern Region	87	Alabama	5
		Florida	33
		Georgia	3
		Louisiana	10
		Mississippi	0
		North Carolina	4
		South Carolina	0
		Tennessee	0
		Texas (Exclusive of the 17 western counties)	25
		Virginia	7
Western Pennsylvania District	16	Pennsylvania (Western)	16
Wisconsin District	112	Wisconsin	112
<u>STATES WITHOUT FORMAL CP ORGANIZATION</u>	65	Arizona	20
		Colorado	2
		Hawaii	2
		Iowa	3
		Kansas	4
		Kentucky	0
		Nebraska	0
		Nevada	3
		New Mexico	0
		Texas (17 western counties)	5
		West Virginia (exclusive of the four panhandle counties)	5
		Wyoming	6
		Utah	0
Total	5,153	Total	5,153
TERRITORIAL POSSESSIONS	11	Puerto Rico	11

# COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION

	<u>9-30-61</u>	<u>12-31-61</u>	<u>3-31-62</u>	<u>6-30-62</u>
Albany	14	14	14	14
Albuquerque	5	5	5	5
Anchorage	0	0	0	0
Atlanta	2	2	2	3
Baltimore	41	42	43	43
Birmingham	2	2	2	2
Boston	110	106	104	104
Buffalo	70	41	33	31
Butte	35	24	24	24
Charlotte	4	4	4	4
Chicago	439	440	445	444
Cincinnati	18	16	15	14
Cleveland	146	146	146	146
Dallas	18	16	15	15
Denver	1	2	2	2
Detroit	203	203	194	194
El Paso	5	5	5	5
Honolulu	2	2	2	2
Houston	4	3	3	3
Indianapolis	66	54	52	52
Jacksonville	6	6	6	6
Kansas City	10	10	10	10
Knoxville	0	0	0	0
Las Vegas	0	0	0	0
Little Rock	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	640	640	640	643
Louisville	0	0	0	0
Memphis	0	0	0	0
Miami	20	17	17	17
Milwaukee	116	113	113	112
Minneapolis	227	229	228	223
Mobile	3	2	3	3
Newark	155	150	150	150
New Haven	33	33	33	33
New Orleans	11	10	10	10
New York	1,924	1,922	1,943	1,936
Norfolk	2	1	1	0
Oklahoma City	12	11	11	11
Omaha	8	8	8	6
Philadelphia	133	129	129	134
Phoenix	20	20	20	20
Pittsburgh	35	34	32	25
Portland	43	43	40	40
Richmond	7	7	7	7
St. Louis	44	44	35	35
Salt Lake City	16	15	15	15
San Antonio	8	7	6	7

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES IN FIELD DIVISION

	<u>9-30-61</u>	<u>12-31-61</u>	<u>3-31-62</u>	<u>6-30-62</u>
San Diego	39	39	37	35
San Francisco	310	305	312	318
Savannah	1	1	1	0
Seattle	233	228	228	230
Springfield	2	2	2	3
Tampa	10	10	10	10
Washington Field	7	7	7	7
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TOTALS	5,260	5,173	5,164	5,153
San Juan	13	13	13	11

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC (100-31723)

DATE: 8/7/62

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION  
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On 6/25, 27/62, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED]. This information was dictated into statement form on 6/28/62, transcribed by Stenographer [REDACTED] on 7/5/62, and read and initialed by the informant on 7/23/62. It is maintained in [REDACTED]

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- 1 - Boston (100- CPUSA - ORGANIZATION) (Registered Mail)
- 2 - Chicago (Registered Mail)
  - (1 - 100- CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
  - (1 - 100- DAVE (LNU) )
- 2 - Detroit (Registered Mail)
  - (1 - 100- [REDACTED])
  - (1 - 100- ARCHIE (LNU) )
- 1 - Los Angeles (100- CPUSA - ORGANIZATION) (Registered Mail)
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  - (1 - 100- CPUSA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
  - (1 - 100- CPUSA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
  - (1 - 100- CPUSA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
  - (1 - 100- HALL-DAVIS DEFENSE COMMITTEE)
  - (1 - 100-56579 - PHIL BART)
  - (1 - 100-145816 - [REDACTED])
  - (1 - 100-135304 - [REDACTED])
  - (1 - 100-23825 - BEN DAVIS)

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(1 - 100-1696 - ELIZABETH G. FLYNN)  
(1 - 100-84994 - GUS HALL)  
(1 - 100-16785 - JAMES JACKSON)  
(1 - 100- [REDACTED])  
(1 - 100-48033 - IRVING POTASH)  
(1 - 100- [REDACTED])  
(1 - 100- - BOB THOMPSON)  
(1 - 100- - WILL WEINSTONE)  
(1 - 100- - MILLIE (LNU) )  
(1 - 100- - OSCAR (LNU) )  
5 - San Francisco (Registered Mail)  
(1 - 158-14 - [REDACTED])  
(1 - 61-398 - [REDACTED])  
(1 - 100- - DOROTHY HEALEY)  
(1 - 100- - ROSCOE (LNU) )  
(1 - 100- - BILL (LNU) )  
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Philadelphia, Pa.  
June 25, 27, 1962

The following is an account of the Enlarged CPUSA National Negro Commission Meeting held Friday, June 22, 1962, and the CPUSA National Convention held from Friday evening, June 22, to Sunday, June 24, 1962.

Enlarged CPUSA National Negro  
Commission Meeting Held Friday,  
June 22, 1962, at Party Head-  
quarters, 23 West 26th Street,  
New York City

At approximately 10:45 a.m., June 22, 1962, Philadelphia delegates of the CPUSA National Negro Commission arrived at the Party office where the meeting was then in session. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was in the process of giving a 36 page report dealing with the Negro question from the end of World War II until the present day. In this report he named all the significant things that have happened in this period, such as the acceptance of Negroes into professional baseball and the Reverend Martin Luther King movement in the South.

LIGHTFOOT discussed the Black Nationalist Movement, giving particular emphasis to the Muslims. He said the Party has taken a second look at the Muslims and is

amazed at their success in recruiting Negro youth. He said that during the period 1945 through 1961, over 250,000 Negro youths have joined the Muslim movement. The reason for this is the fact the Muslims have a program the Negro youth respond to. They give them freedom to speak, help them economically, and secure jobs for them.

LIGHTFOOT said the Party must start a program to get the youth to rally around the Party. He said the Party must allow freedom of expression of Negro culture. He cited as an example the fact that by and large Negroes must accept the culture of the older members of the Party and this is particularly true in such things as music. He said the Party must understand that many young Negroes prefer rock and roll and jazz to folk music and square dancing. They must be allowed to express their interests in Party gatherings. LIGHTFOOT said the Party must develop a clearer understanding of Negro problems and must join the movements taking place around the Negro question. He said there is a movement in some Southern States to register Negroes to vote. The Party should make specific assignments of members to work in these movements and raise the level of thinking in these movements.

LIGHTFOOT stated that one of the main themes in the civil rights fight today should be the defeat of the

ultraright. He is speaking mainly of the need to defeat the coalition in Congress of Dixiecrats and Republicans which, he says, is blocking all "peoples" legislation, such as aid to education and the poll tax bill.

LIGHTFOOT said there should be a concentration on organizing the unorganized in the South. The South is becoming a highly industrialized area. Therefore, the Party should move to form strong unions in these newly industrialized areas. Once this is accomplished, candidates for public office will be, of necessity, selected on their stand on labor and the Negro question. He said the Party must help defeat the anti-civil rights Congressman now representing the South.

LIGHTFOOT's report will be put into pamphlet form and will be sent out into every Party district.

This meeting ended around 6:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Party members present at this meeting were THOMAS NABRIED, FRANCES GABOW, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Of the others present, the following are recalled: BEN DAVIS, BOB THOMPSON, PHIL BART, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] JAMES JACKSON, WILLWEINSTONE, IRVING POTASH, MILLIE from New York, [REDACTED] and one ARCHIE from Michigan, one DAVE from Chicago who reportedly is in

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charge of youth work in that area, [redacted] of New York, ROSCOE and BILL from northern California, DOROTHY HEALY from southern California, and GEORGE MEYERS from Baltimore. Other areas reportedly represented were Wisconsin, Washington State, New Jersey and New England.

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Friday Night Session, CPUSA

National Convention, June 22, 1962

At approximately 8:00 p.m., Friday evening, June 22, 1962, the opening session of the CPUSA National Convention began at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, New York. The convention was reportedly originally scheduled to be held in the Great Northwestern Hotel but was changed at the last minute for reason unknown to the reporter. According to THOMAS NABRIED, CPEPD District Chairman, arrangements for this meeting place were made under the name of the "Hall-Davis Meeting."

The convention was opened by a speech from GUS HALL. HALL read from a purple pamphlet entitled, "End of the Cold War." After HALL's speech, the convention convened until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning, the same place.

In addition to those present at the earlier Negro Commission meeting, the following additional



individuals were noted in attendance at the Friday night convention session and subsequent sessions of the convention:

From Philadelphia there were [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] In addition, [redacted] and

[redacted] former Philadelphia CP youth members now residing in New York City, were also noted in attendance. In addition, there was an [redacted] (phonetic), who reportedly lives in New York City.

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Saturday Session, June 23, 1962

The Saturday session of the CPUSA National Convention commenced at approximately 10:00 a.m. at Academy Hall. There was a general discussion from the floor from delegates from different areas relating to the experiences in their areas on recent elections. DOROTHY HEALY reported on the California elections and the admitted strength of the ultraright forces in California. The main theme on the discussion of elections was the need to support those candidates who are for peace and "peoples" legislation.

Discussion was also held on area Party work. This discussion centered mainly around recruiting of new Party members. [redacted] from California, who was not

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noticed at the previous session, spoke of recruitment problems in California. He said there are prospects of recruiting in his area but it must be done on the basis of enlightening people not only to the worth of the Party cause but also the possible dangers they face in joining the Party at this time. One MICKEY from California took the same position. She said possible recruits must be educated first and then the risks of becoming involved in the Communist movement must be explained to them before they are accepted into the Party.

Another topic of discussion on which there was general agreement is the need for the establishment of "left centers" where possible recruits can be educated and gradually trained for eventual entrance into the CP.

The two main topics discussed Saturday were the political struggle and inter-Party work, mainly recruitment. The Saturday session ended at approximately 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday evening, a dinner was reportedly held in honor of ~~ARTHUR~~ BROWN, who is described as the "first victim of the Landrum-Griffin Bill." This dinner

was reportedly held at a restaurant located at 40 East 26th Street, New York City.

Sunday Session, June 24, 1962

The Sunday session of the CPUSA National Convention commenced approximately 10:00 a.m. at Academy Hall. It was mainly a continuation of the discussion held the previous day until 1:00 p.m. when discussion was cut off. At that time, GUS HALL summarized the whole convention. He indicated that he agreed with the line of thinking and the approach to problems which had been projected by the various delegates. He said that two lines of thought have come out of this convention, which will be included in the Party program which is coming out in the near future:

- (1) Stepped up activity in Negro communities.
- (2) Stepped up activity on the political front, including support of peace candidates and activities devoted to defeating the ultraright forces, particularly those Congressmen who are preventing the passage of "peoples" legislation.

Along these lines the Party will set forth a program to build a strong anti-monopoly coalition throughout the States. Where there are no peace candidates

available in certain areas, the Party will muster its support behind the liberal-thinking, pro-labor candidate.

HALL said that a program of work will be out before September. He said the Party expects the main attack against it will start in early Fall; therefore, the Party program must be ready before then.

During the Sunday session, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN spoke briefly. She was introduced as Chairman of the HALL-DAVIS Defense Committee and was the only speaker who was identified position during the convention. FLYNN expressed regret at not being indicted along with GUS HALL and BEN DAVIS and said she felt it was probably because of her age and illness.

The Sunday session ended at approximately 2:15 p.m.

With the exception of THOMAS NABRIED and FRANCES GABOW, the other Philadelphia delegates were free to return to Philadelphia at the termination of the Sunday session. GABOW and NABRIED were to stay in New York for an organization session to be held Sunday evening. All district chairmen and secretaries were to be present at this Sunday evening organization session, according to NABRIED.

In addition, on Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. at CP Headquarters, second floor front, there was to be another meeting to vote on the proposals which came out of the Friday Negro Commission meeting. One decision to be reached was whether the proposal should be put in pamphlet form.

All those present at the Friday meeting were to be there if possible, but many had to return to their respective areas. GABOW and NABRIED were planning to attend the Monday session and [redacted] who returned to Philadelphia Sunday afternoon, planned to return to New York for the Monday meeting.

During the course of this convention, the term conference was used by the speakers in lieu of the term convention, which no longer seems to be a word to be used openly; however, in discussing this affair during the past few weeks, NABRIED and GABOW have consistently referred to it as a National Party Convention.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*\* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763) DATE: 8/13/62

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	8/3/62 8/4/62	8/7/62	Writer	[REDACTED]

On 8/7/62, [REDACTED] furnished SA [REDACTED]  
with the following typewritten report:

cc: [REDACTED]

100-4486 (DOROTHY HEALEY) SI  
100-44901 [REDACTED]  
100-23492 [REDACTED]  
100-53913 [REDACTED] SI  
100-55810 [REDACTED] I  
100-27931 [REDACTED] SI  
100-26103 [REDACTED]  
100-4663 (BEN DOBBS) SI  
100-30439 (BILL TAYLOR) SI  
100-39704 (SAM KUSHNER) SI  
100-40441 (FLO KUSHNER) SI  
100-25278 [REDACTED]  
100-52571 [REDACTED] SI  
100-32407 [REDACTED]  
100-20599 [REDACTED]  
100-26497 [REDACTED]  
100-22689 [REDACTED]  
100-24766 [REDACTED]  
100-40053 (IRVING GOFF) SI  
100-25403 [REDACTED] SI  
100-23198 [REDACTED] SI  
100-23660 [REDACTED] SI  
100-56591 [REDACTED]

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100-27563 [REDACTED] SI b7C  
100-6992 [REDACTED] SI b7D  
100-23933 (MEMBERSHIP)  
100-23423 (POLITICAL ACTIVITY)  
100-25365 (CP STRATEGY IN  
INDUSTRY)  
100-24345 (NEGRO QUESTION)  
100-55887 (COMINFIL MASS ORGS)  
100-24346 (YOUTH)  
100-26044 (ORGANIZATION)

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(JIM TORMEY) (BOB THOMPSON)  
(CP, USA) (MEMBERSHIP)  
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"August 4, 1952

"A meeting of the District Committee, CP, SCD opened its two day session on Friday, at 8:00 p.m., August 3rd, 1962, at the Park Manor, 607 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles. DOROTHY HEALEY chaired the meeting. She announced a one point agenda: 'The Elections.'

'[redacted] read the document entitled 'The California Elections' by 'A Political Observer' aloud while copies were distributed to all members of the Committee.

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"DOROTHY HEALEY then made a report on mass work and election activities which covered the following main points:

"1) That issues are important for purposes of development of mass consciousness and can also be utilized as instruments for organization of the masses for activities around candidates and fighting for legislation, etc. As an example she pointed to the California Democratic Council (CDC) resolution at its 1960 Fresno Conference, on Red China and urged that such material be utilized in overall work around peace.

"2) She verbally chastized [redacted] for 'capitulation to the ultra right' in signing and answering the questionnaire circulated by the California anti-communist league and pointed out that several other democrats had also received endorsement by this group.

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"3) She spoke at length on the question of the trade unions and the need to develop a fight around issues and the elections in the labor movement in order to combat the reactionary alliance of some top labor officials in the AFL-CIO with the machine politicians of the Democratic Party such as Unruh.

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"Further on the question of the unions, DOROTHY HEALEY urged full support of the announced AFL-CIO organizing drive in Southern California because the unions are a class force and the most important allies in the struggle for progress. She pointed out that many trade unions and trade union leaders have made statements of warning about the ultra right and these statements should be utilized with the rank and file union membership. In this regard she characterized this recognition of the danger from the ultra right as extremely important because it stems from a working class movement and can serve to mobilize the working class in the fight against the ultra right.

"4) She stressed the need to win the trade unions in the fight as allies of the Negro and Mexican American struggles; in the electoral field for minority representation and in the economic field for jobs and upgrading.

"5) She pointed out that fringe benefits fought for by the unions such as medical care, etc. must be tied in with political action.

"6) She outlined as instruments in the fight the following:

"a) utilization of mass material such as resolutions of CDC, trade unions, and other mass organizations.

"b) utilization of publications of unions, etc.

"c) full use of the PW in mass organizations of all types.

"d) use of pamphlets for mass education.

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"She closed her report with a plea for a 'crusade for knowledge and organization.'

"The report was followed by discussion with a ten minutes limit set for each speaker. First speaker was [ ] who spoke on the need to understand the stage of economic crisis we are facing.

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[ ] spoke on the election experiences in his area and stated for the first time he could find himself in agreement with a report by DOROTHY HEALEY.

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[ ] spoke on the Francis Amendment and the need to defeat it.

[ ] spoke on the role of COPE in the trade unions and the need to strengthen our political work in the unions.

[ ] spoke on the need for all communists to read the Negro press whether they are Nero or not so as to understand the struggles in the Negro community and participate in them.

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"During the discussion, BEN DOBBS passed around a piece of paper announcing that the Saturday session of the Committee meeting would be held at the City Terrace Cultural Center at 10:00 a.m.

"The District Committee was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. Present were:

"DOROTHY HEALEY  
BEN DOBBS  
BILL TAYLOR  
SAM KUSCHNER  
FLO KUSCHNER  
JIM TORMEY  
BOB THOMPSON  
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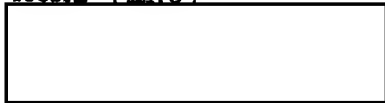
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"Also:

A couple unknown to me, about 50 years of age; poorly dressed and a man of about 30, 6 feet tall, sharp featured, black horn rimmed glasses, very thin"

"August 4, 1962

"The Saturday session of the District Committee meeting was held at 10:00 p.m. at the City Terrace Cultural Center on City Terrace Drive, East Los Angeles. The session was chaired by BILL TAYLOR, who introduced BOB THOMPSON as the speaker.



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"THOMPSON opened his remarks with the comment that he had been recruited to the Party in California. He stated that the impact of California action in the coming elections would have national import, especially as relates to the defeat of NIXON, the defeat of proposition 24 (the Francis Amendment) and the defeat of the Birchers generally and the fight for Negro and Mexican American representation.

"He stated that one of the major problems we have is the weakness of our Party in the union movement, and especially our lack of contact or influence in COPE. He also stressed the problems created by the rift which exists between the trade unions and the Negro and Mexican American forces in political life.

"The major portion of his remarks centered on the Party. He stated that a fresh potential exists for the Party as of result of the Party's emergence from factionalism and dissention which have torn it apart the past several years, but with this new potential we also have several problems; one of these is the need to develop a new approach to differences on policy questions in the Party. He stressed the need to develop an atmosphere in the Party which would be conducive to the expression of such differences, but that this is difficult because of the existence of 'scars' which were created during the long period of internal strife in the Party. He stated that these 'scars' have produced a lack of creativity in theory and in forms of struggle and of organization and that this has to be changed. He urged that 'routine-ism' be eliminated and internal debate encouraged. He stressed that ways must be found to resolve differences of positions after debate has taken place, and stressed that the nature of the differences today is around analyses of tactic in mass work primarily.

"THOMPSON also stressed the necessity of restoring in the Party good morale and confidence the capacity of the Party to make a contribution and he underscored the role of

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"leadership in this regard, starting with the position that while we have both successes and shortcomings how we handle both will determine the morale of the Party; he urged accenting the positive achievements e.g. the strength of the Party in the face of the McCarran Act Supreme Court decision; the initiative the Party showed in pinpointing the emergence of the ultra right and its dangers; and then going on to differentiate among the various elements and trends in the bourgeoisie and in the KENNEDY administration in the building of the Anti-monopoly coalition. He pointed out the leadership given by the Party in analyzing the economic problems in the U. S. arising from cold war policies and program. He outlined the growing influence of the Party in the student movement and the efforts of the Party to develop and consolidate the alliance between the trade unions and the Negro movement, and he outlined the analysis the Party has made of the growing Negro upsurge.

"THOMPSON also outlined the problems in the Party today and stated our major weakness is in the field of trade union work. This he said, was due to several factors, among them the objective difficulties such as the fact that the trade union leadership inhibits the development of rank and file action; but in addition the fact that the Communist Party has turned away from trade union concentration and this has resulted in a petty-bourgeois approach to union activities by much of the Party. We must establish a new level of work and concentration in the trade union movement. As examples of progress in the trade unions themselves, THOMPSON pointed out the fight for the shorter work week; statements against the ultra-right; the 'unfreezing' of certain attitudes in the unions such as opening a fight against the KENNEDY wage-freeze program and the strengthening of international ties. THOMPSON urged that Party forces take a hold of these existing trends and attitudes and develop a program to deepen the content of these programs, etc.

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"He stressed the need for support and assistance to the forthcoming organizing drive of the AFL CIO in Los Angeles and the elimination of the approach of total criticism of trade union leadership as an excuse not to fight in the unions. He urged the development of united fronts of progressives and others in the unions beyond a simple trade union program - and the development and building of new forms of cooperation.

"THOMPSON then went on to the question of Party building and recruiting, which he said was decisive in bringing 'new blood' into the Party and warned that unless this is done the Party will compound its present problems and difficulties. He attacked the rationalization that 'this is not the time to recruit' and said in some areas recruiting is already under way. He recommended concentration in recruiting in three fields:

"1) Youth - and commented on the upsurge of action among the youth, and the opportunities opening for Party work among the youth. He said new organizational forms must be developed and said in some areas classes on Marxism have been recruited as a class and made into a Party club; in other areas youth can be set up as special sections or commissions.

"2) Mexican American and Negro - especially working class elements in the trade unions. He announced that BEN DAVIS will make a tour later in the year for the purpose of stimulating recruiting in this field.

"3) trade unionists - in areas where the Party already has contacts and relationships or can establish such contacts.

"This concluded THOMPSON's remarks.

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"TAYLOR suggested we have discussion until 12:30 at which time there would be a lunch break. He stated that extended time would be given to the first speaker, NEMMY SPARKS.

"NEMMY SPARKS spoke on the need to get clarity on some basic approaches in the campaign for the November elections as follows:

"1) Both the Democratic and Republican Parties are parties of imperialism and both are set up for the purpose of informing people of what the bourgeoisie wants them to know. Therefore these parties are not parties of principle but arenas of struggle because of the internal differences of position in each party, as for example the struggle in the Republican Party around the ultra right as opposed to the position of the moderates, and the same struggle though not so pronounced is taking place internally in the Democratic Party. SPARKS stressed that the important thing is the social base of each Party, with the Democrats having the majority of working class and minority people, and therefore being the most decisive of the two. He outlined the role of communists to be the development of issues and the establishment of relationships with all the organizations of the people, such as the CDC.

"On the CDC, he stressed that there are two problems: 1) the role of CDC when the Democrats are in power, and 2) the relationship of CDC to labor and the minorities. He warned about feelings of discouragement and cynicism when political wheels in the Democratic Party turn their backs on programs they have agreed to fight for and that we can't take our marbles and go home when things don't go the way we want them to, because the Democratic Party, like the Republican Party, is not a party of principle.

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"He stressed the importance of the Asimomar conference of CDC which is coming up soon, and urged the following concentration:

"1) go all out for the election of BROWN and the defeat of NIXON.

2) on candidates like MOSK and CHARLIE WILLSON, don't bother. He suggested the following three main concentration activities:

- "1) Defeat NIXON
- "2) Guarantee the election of ROYBAL
- "3) Defeat the Francis Amendment

[redacted] was the final speaker before the lunch break. She spoke on the importance of minority representation and outlined the Farrell campaign in Watts; said the fight in the 55th was on a different level because there would be two Negro candidates and the question was whether the Democrat or the Republican would best serve the interests of the District; the need to become acquainted with the Negro press and participate in the minority struggles taking place in all mass organizations; and the fact that the Party must emerge as a Party, not just as individuals working in mass organizations in the Negro community for recruiting to be effective.

"The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 for lunch, and I left at that time since nothing for the afternoon was scheduled except more floor discussion. Present at the meeting were:

"DOROTHY HEALEY  
BILL TAYLOR  
NEMMY SPARKS

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SAM KUSHNER  
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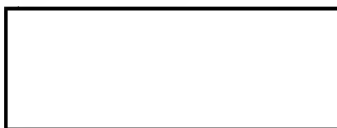
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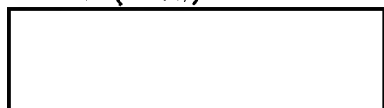
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ACTION:

The pamphlet "The California Elections" is  
maintained in 

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning  
this report and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo  
has been taken by the writer.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \*\* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763) DATE: 8/13/62

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: SCDCP, USA  
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	8/1/62	8/4/62	Writer	[REDACTED]

On 8/4/62, SA [REDACTED] received through the  
mail the following typewritten report from [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED]

8-NEW YORK (REGISTERED)  
(CP, USA) (BOB THOMPSON)  
(JIM TORMEY) (NEGRO QUESTION)  
(COMINFIL MASS ORGS.)  
(CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
(BEN DAVIS) (MEMBERSHIP)  
6-CHICAGO (REGISTERED)  
(CP, USA) (MEMBERSHIP)  
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(COMINFIL MASS ORGS.)  
(CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
(CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

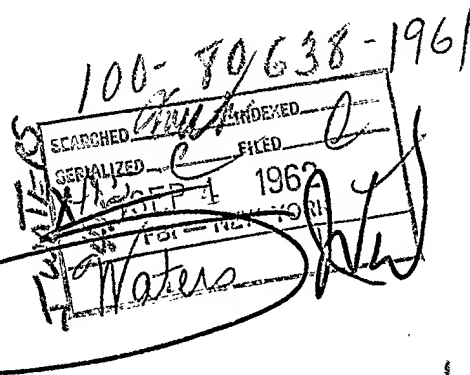
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100-23933 (MEMBERSHIP)  
100-24345 (NEGRO QUESTION)  
100-55887 (COMINFIL MASS  
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100-25365 (CP STRATEGY IN  
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100-30439 (BILL TAYLOR) SI  
100-30537 [REDACTED]  
100-44299 [REDACTED]  
100-22689 [REDACTED]  
100-52571 [REDACTED]  
100-26103 [REDACTED]  
100-56650 [REDACTED]  
100-4963 (PETTIS PERRY) SI  
100-40505 [REDACTED] SI  
100-33476 [REDACTED] SI  
100-56560 [REDACTED] SI

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"August 2, 1962

"On Wednesday, August 1, 1962, a meeting was held at 8:00 p.m. at the home of BILL & [REDACTED] TAYLOR, on South St. Andrews St., Los Angeles. The meeting was chaired by BILL TAYLOR, who introduced the visiting guests from the National Committee as: BOB THOMPSON, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and JIM TORMEY.

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"CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT gave the main report, which was around questions of the struggle for Negro rights. LIGHTFOOT stated he would cover two main points: 1) The need to examine the character of the Negro Liberation Movement in the U. S. and put it in correct perspective, and 2) the role of the Communist Party in relationship to the Negro movement. LIGHTFOOT characterized the Negro movement as having tremendous vitality and mass character, but was weakened by the concept of 'go it alone' without seeking allies from the labor movement and the white community. He commented that the upsurge of the Negro movement was taking place alongside a decline in the Communist Party and that this was a matter of real concern. He said we must prove that the Communist Party is necessary to the Negro Liberation movement. He examined the concept that 'Negro's can't add to the burden of being black, the burden of being red' and said it must be rejected. He commented that after nine years of titantic struggle all that had been won by the Negro movement is small concessions or 'token-ism' and stated that the reason for this is the principle of 'go it alone,' and that this concept limits the power of Negro action.

"LIGHTFOOT stated that the main problem is that there is no comprehensive understanding of the road to freedom, no spelling out of the consecutive steps necessary to achieve not only concessions but a basic solution to the problem, and stated that this is where our Party comes in. He warned that we must not fall into the trap of placing the dynamics of the Negro liberation movement outside the context of reality and that we must understand that the power of Negro action alone is capable of winning concessions, but not

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"capable of finding a fundamental solution. Also that the success of the movement is dependent upon national and international situations, as for example the existence of a strong Soviet Union, and the colonial liberation movements throughout the world.

"LIGHTFOOT stated that it was the responsibility of the Communists to help spell out strategy and step by step tactics to win full freedom for the Negro people; that we must recruit and build the Communist Party as part of this struggle.

"LIGHTFOOT spent considerable time on the question of trade unions and the relationship of the Negro American Labor Council (NALC). He cited the problems of developing NALC and urged that if there is any effort to break up NALC we must remain in both groups; NALC and whatever new group is set up. He urged a fight in all unions to support the demands of Negro workers for upgrading, hiring, etc. and for posts of leadership in the unions, and cited the good work done in this field by the left-led unions. He urged strengthening of the ties between the Negro commission of the Party and the trade union commission.

"LIGHTFOOT's final point was on the Party itself and the urgent need to build the Party by recruiting and a fight against liquidationism. He warned we must stop downgrading our Party and stated that the attacks against our Party have weakened the Negro struggle. He urged cessation of the position that there is no need for the Party because of the upsurge of the Negro peoples movement and to stop rationalizing against Party building and recruiting. He urged a fight against white chauvinism in the Party. He proposed a recruiting drive as suggested by the National Committee, to recruit 50 Negroes in the coming period, and stated BEN DAVIS will be in Los Angeles at a later time and will talk with potential recruits. His final warning was: 'Remember that the red scare works when the reds don't.'

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"His remarks were supplemented by BOB THOMPSON who spoke on the problems of maintaining Party clubs in some areas and the need to fight against the Dixicrats and commended the PW for a recent editorial on Medicare. THOMPSON also urged close ties between the trade union commission and the Negro commission to facilitate and strengthen work in the struggle for Negro rights. He urged full support to the AFL-CIO organizing drives in the deep south and in Los Angeles.

"Following these remarks the meeting was opened for discussion, and the following spoke:

[ ] spoke on the problems of the NALC in Los Angeles.

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[ ] criticized white labor leaders for failure to attend a reception for RANDOLPH when he was in this city not long ago.

[ ] spoke on white chauvenism and the need to fight against it in the Party.

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[ ] spoke on community developments around integrated housing and urged a district wide meeting to consider the problem.

[ ] spoke on the need for research on red baiting and its relationship to the fight for Negro rights and urged [ ] to take this on as a project.

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[ ] spoke on the need for one central task in which all comrades could participate in the fight for Negro rights."

[ ] spoke on CORE and the activities around the PERRELL campaign in the Watts area.

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[ ] spoke on the fact that it is not a burden to be a red.

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"Others who participated were:

[REDACTED]

BILL TAYLOR

[REDACTED]

"The meeting adjourned about 12:10 A. M.  
Present were:

"BOB THOMPSON  
JIM TORMEY  
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT  
BILL TAYLOR

[REDACTED]

PETTIS PERRY

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning this report and could furnish no additional information.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] may be [REDACTED]  
He is a white man married to a Negro woman.

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MEMPHIS, FBI (100-3-40)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

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(OO: NY)

Re Bureau letter to Miami, 4/2/68, and Miami letter to the Bureau, 4/31/68.

The New York source who was in a position to supply information concerning the membership of the CP's Southern Region and NY 100-80, a highly confidential source at CP Headquarters, New York City, and NY 100-80, a highly confidential source close to STEVE BELL, formerly a member of the CP's Southern Region. The NY 100-80 is currently active, is in contact with NY 100-80, to obtain information about the CP's membership in all sections of the country. This source has not supplied any information concerning the current membership figures in the State of Florida. In addition, several contacts are made with NY 100-80, information is sought on the status and membership of the CP in the South. However, this source has not furnished any current information on the membership or organization of the CP's Southern Region.

It is suggested that the membership figures for Jacksonville and Tampa also be re-evaluated since the membership figures for these offices are also based upon information supplied by NY 100-80 on 5/20/68.

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-40) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-80 (CP, USA - Southern Region)
- 1 - Miami (100-80) (RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (100-3) (RM)
- 1 - Tampa (100-100) (RM)
- 1 - Baltimore (100-100) (RM) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-100) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-80638) (RM)

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

DATE: 8/31/62

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (100-800)(P)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Re Bureau letter to Miami dated 8/8/62.

A review of Miami files reflects there has been no organized Communist Party activity and no Communist Party organizer in the Miami area, since 6/1/59. Activity was at a low ebb or non existent for some period prior to this. The last known meeting was held in October, 1959. Both LEUIS WEINSTOCK and CARL WINTER, Communist Party officials, have visited in Florida, within the past year and a half, and were surveilled. They made no contacts with any local persons who have ever been members of the Communist Party in Florida. GEORGE A. MEYERS, of Baltimore, Maryland, who is in charge of the Communist Party in the South was recently in Florida, on vacation, but was not surveilled at the specific request of the Baltimore Office.

To assist Miami in arriving at a determination of present membership in the Miami area, it is believed desirable to have Baltimore contact its sources for information concerning MEYERS' trip to Florida, and any information that MEYERS may furnish regarding current Communist Party membership in Florida.

It is also requested that New York contact its sources for information indicating membership, if any, in Florida.

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  - 1 - Baltimore (RM)
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For the information of Baltimore and New York, referenced Bureau letter pointed out that membership figures being reported by Miami, are based on information furnished by an anonymous source in May, 1959, which reflected Communist Party registration in Miami, at that time as 17. The Bureau pointed lack of activity, since, and fact that only one of those registered is on Security Index (SI), and that membership figures should be re-evaluated.

When New York and Baltimore furnish information requested as above, Miami will submit its evaluation of Communist Party membership in the Communist Party in Miami, to the Bureau.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: September 12, 1962

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

By airtel 9/6/62 captioned "Claude Mack Lightfoot, IS - C; ISA of 1950" to the Bureau, the Detroit Office advised as follows.

On 9/5/62 [redacted] orally advised that on 9/3/62 a picnic was held near Detroit, Michigan, for the purpose of making money for "The Worker," Communist Party (CP) newspaper. Claude Lightfoot, Communist Party, USA, Vice-Chairman, spoke at the picnic and, after the program was over, he stated he would be back in Detroit in a "couple of months" and expected to recruit at least 100 new members from the midwest area. According to the informants, Lightfoot did not actually say the Party, but the innuendo was that he meant the CP. b7D

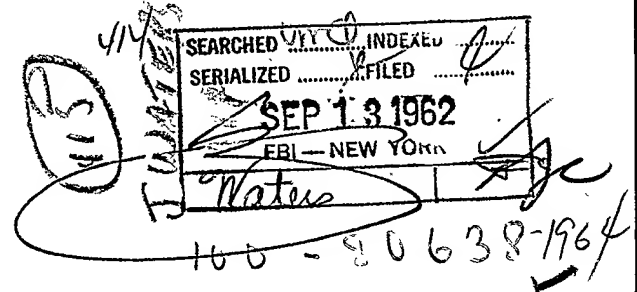
All offices receiving instant communication should be specifically alert for the possible presence of Lightfoot in their respective territories and for any activities by him concerning CP recruitment.

If the Chicago Office should receive any information concerning possible future travel plans concerning Lightfoot, that information should be furnished to pertinent offices.

All offices should keep the Bureau advised of any information concerning possible recruitment activities of Lightfoot or any other Communist Party, USA, functionaries.

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2 - Detroit  
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2 - St. Louis  
2 - Indianapolis  
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Date: **9/27/62**

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Via **AIRTEL** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
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OO: NEW YORK

EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OR REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION BY ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF FOUND NECESSARY TO BE SET FORTH IN ANY REPORT FOR DISSEMINATION.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 3 copies of an informant's statement dated 9/26/62, containing information orally furnished on 9/26/62, by CG 5824-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SAs [redacted] and RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on 9/27/62, and the original report is maintained in Chicago file A)134-46-7763.

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It is suggested that the Bureau may desire, in view of the information appearing herein, to consider the feasibility of making this information available to other field offices in order to protect currently active informants from being suspected.

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- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 3) (RM)
- 2 - Detroit (RM)
  - (1 - 100-13420 CARL WINTER)
  - (1 - 100- CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
- ③ - New York (RM)
  - (1 - 100-84994 GUS HALL)
  - (1 - 100-80638 CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
  - (1 - 100-102320 US vs. CP, USA)
- 3 - Chicago
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  - (1 - 100-18952 CP, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - MEMBERSHIP)

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Special Agent in Charge

September 26, 1962

On September 21, 1962, during the course of discussion held in Cleveland, Ohio, in which CARL WINTER of Detroit and GUS HALL were involved, the latter individual was heard to relate the following.

As a result of the appearance of the two Government witnesses who were Party members at recent SACE hearings against the CP, the word must now be spread that hereafter anyone who falls into the category of an "ex" and attempts to rejoin the Party, will have a "tough time". Every minute of his life since he left the Party will be searched and he will be gone over with a fine tooth comb. The person who recommends such individual who is re-applying for membership in the Party will also come under close scrutiny and be held responsible for that individual. Every re-joiner must and will be held as a suspect and possible FBI informant.

October 4, 1962

Airtel

To: SAC, Norfolk (100-215D)  
From: Director, FBI (100-3-68)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
NORFOLK DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurairtel 10/2/62.

Referenced airtel reported [redacted]  
[redacted] returned to the Norfolk area in August, 1962, and as of August 16 was living at [redacted] Norfolk, Virginia. It was further indicated the next Norfolk quarterly report to be submitted on the Communist Party, USA, Southern Region, will carry under Membership - one.

Advise by return airtel whether that one individual will be listed as of positive, tentative or unknown identity.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: **October 5, 1962**

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The criteria for determining estimated Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), membership is set forth in Section 87C of the Manual of Instructions.

The total number of individuals positively identified, the number tentatively identified, and the number of members of unknown identity, are reported on the cover pages of investigative reports submitted by offices receiving this letter.

The estimated national membership as of 6-30-62 was 5,153, consisting of 3,697 positively identified, 401 tentatives, and 1,055 unknowns.

The Bureau wishes to determine whether the criteria should be revised looking toward the positive identification of those now carried as tentative, and the identification of the large number of unknowns.

Each office receiving this letter reported membership in excess of 100 in its last investigative report and, therefore, should be in a logical position to submit observations and/or suggestions concerning possible changes in the

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
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membership criteria. Each office is instructed to carefully consider this matter and submit a letter setting forth any relevant thoughts its security, investigative and supervisory personnel may have. If no changes are believed necessary, the letter should so indicate.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1894) DATE: 10/3/62  
FROM : SA [REDACTED] (424)  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NEW YORK DISTRICT - UPPER EAST SIDE SECTION  
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Identity of Source [REDACTED]  
Description of info Meeting of UES CP Section  
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The Upper East Side CP Section Committee met in the residence of [redacted] Avenue, New York City on Monday evening September 17, 1962. The following persons were present:



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[redacted] said she received a telephone call from [redacted] who excused himself from coming because he was ill.

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She then began the meeting with a report on the party persons who are being called to Washington to appear at hearings on CP membership and registration. [redacted] said both BILL ALBERTSON and [redacted] have to go as well as others. She spoke of two people she referred to as stool pigeons who went to Washington to testify against the party persons. [redacted] mentioned an ETHEL as one of these people and a man she called [redacted]. She talked about how these persons were permitted to join the CP and then gather information to report to F.B.I. She spoke of methods to be employed to find out these informers before there can be any more of them to testify against party members.

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[redacted] said no new members should be taken in, party people should not talk to others about the party especially on the telephones. She said those who recently joined the party should be watched carefully and visits should be made to the homes of these people to question them about their jobs and work hours and to observe if they live beyond their means. She said the security of the club must be watched carefully. Later on, according to [redacted] the older members may be called upon to visit the more recently recruited people so that they can prevent other informers from working into the party.

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[ ] said that there will be a long court fight which will eventually prove the CP is right. The discussion of informers took up considerable of the meeting.

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[ ] announced that a meeting of the Manhattan Press Club will take place on 9/19/62, with JAMES JACKSON, Editor of "The Worker" to speak on Issues before the U.N. General Assembly. This will be held in Adelphi Hall, New York City.

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Enclosed informant's statement sets forth the verbatim content of certain notes prepared by [redacted] of Chicago, a member of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, as a result of his attendance at the CP, USA National Executive Committee meeting held in New York City 9/28-10/2/62. These notes had been prepared by WEST for the benefit of and review by CG 5824-S\*.

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October 11, 1962

It has been learned that [redacted] of Chicago attended the recent meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) held at their National Office in New York City during the period of September 28 to October 2, 1962. In connection with this meeting, [redacted] it was learned, prepared extensive notes covering the main report which was delivered by GUS HALL at the meeting's opening session on September 28, 1962, and also prepared rather extensive notes regarding subsequent discussion which occurred on ensuing days. Temporary access has been secured to the above notes prepared by [redacted] and their verbatim content is set forth below. In certain instances, in connection with setting forth the content of these notes, information appears in parentheses which has been added for the purposes of clarity and identifying the individual referred thereto;

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#### "Gus" (Hall) Report

"Situation today shows their problems to be worse than ours.

"1. Mississippi: crisis of government bordering on civil war; an attack on constitutional authority; a crisis of democracy; an open and direct attack at the foundations of democratic institutions; a crisis of political alliances, especially of Demo. Party. Must clearly state where we stand: a firm defense of democratic processes and institutions, strong condemnation of racists, ultra-rightists and militarist elements; urge Kennedy Adm. to most decisive action before too late. Can be turned into complete rant of the racists; call on all democratic forces, labor, to rally.

"2. Since June meeting all that has happened confirms the estimate made then. Situation continues to mire in contradictions of Cold War policies.

"a) deficit in trade balance, run on gold reserves continue and point of decision will be reached;

"b) the two tax gifts to monopoly, which adds up to some 2 to 4 billion dollars, which will be used further in the directions already taken - investments abroad and more automation.

"c) Adminis. going the limit on deficit spending, adding to inflation, but also endangering value of the dollar.

"Contradictions slowly emerging and sharpening in every field for the administration: ex: wants to hold labor support, but opposes labor's demands; ex: dioxocrats; ex: wants support of small farmers but follows policies which would do away with 2 million family-size farms

"Can't go on this way for long.

"Contradictions also seen in Common Market problems:

"Attempt to build economic, political and military fortress of NATO countries and to dictate to world. US has itself become entangled in the contradictions of Western Europe. Franco-German alliance has become a formidable factor, pol., eco. and militarily. Ex: now say to U.S. 'either you share your atomic know-how, or we'll use French know-how.'

"Sharpening rivalries within the partnership: ex: W. Germany now exports more finished ind. items than the US. W. German cartels dominant in Common Market 7/8 out of 10/.

"Is Common Market beneficial to Amer. workers, farmers, middle, etc.? No. For Big Monopoly, yes.

"Argentina: State Rep't. fears elections and possibility of good developments there.

"New stage in general crisis continues to develop in ever new ways.

"Since 17th Convention, major efforts of leadership has centered in four areas:

- "1. analysis of fast-moving events;
- "2. holding of policies to meet new events;
- "3. ending disruptions in Party;
- "4. struggle for defense and legality of Party.

"Unavoidable; but because of this, a minimum of time on Party and how we carry out policies.

"Today's meeting is opening of struggle for application and carrying out policies and decisions.

"Policy and questions of line not chief issues before this meeting.

"..Policies have been right and good and can be proud of them

..Generally projected in time../new epoch, 17th Convention; changed relative position of US imp. in new epoch; new understanding of Amer. Negro in struggle for equality; concept of unity and struggle against the ultra-right; policy in re: McCarran Act; role of monopoly in cold war; tactics re Kennedy Adm. and matter of peace candidates, which was projected long ago; early sensing of upsurge among the youth; trade union policy /more at this meet/; position on left orgs. and groupings, etc./

..general acceptance of this line and policy, altho within this acceptance there are problems of understanding line and policy and we must constantly develop, sharpen and strengthen line in accord with what experience shows.

"Test of correctness of line:

"1. Cuba crisis: a) further proof of bellicose, belligerent nature of imperialism generally, and aggressiveness of US imp. and that it is center of world reaction and so long as cold war policies exist, world in danger of WW III /this is one side/

b) other side: while above goes on, so far it has stopped short of the brink. Why? Some second, more sober thoughts on world balance of forces, including US people, and this becomes dominant trend for the moment

"No contradiction between struggle for peaceful coexistence and firm stand against aggression. Third war not inevitable, but the danger is serious and can be prevented only by maximum effort. Progress, or victory, in the sense of preserving peace, are not given without struggle, continuing and persistent. Must answer why we didn't do more. Certain complacency arising from wrong conclusions about world relations. Our own reactions in themselves a very important factor in the scales that determine outcome. Already figured in. Some lack of conviction that Americans can be moved /after JFK press conference, more possibilities/; Americans must see that war on Cuba can lead to world war.

"2. Decisions and resolutions of AFL-CIO for 35 hour week of greatest importance; a qualitative turning point for Amer. labor movement; has deep objective roots; reflects problem of automation; of new position of USA in world; and new thinking by American workers.

"No easy decision for AFL-CIO: had to reject position of both Kennedy Adm. and the employers. A sharp shift from previous positions. What are we going to do with this new development, new weapon? ..a mass educational campaign ..organization of the community around this ..political action around this /Nov. elections/... Employers already taking counter-offensive.

"Among lessons of this development: confirms correctness of struggle against negative attitude to labor movement /and raises questions about 'right-center-left' approaches when you consider role of a Meany and McDonald on 35 hour week and Curran on Cuba/. This not just another resolution; even mechanics of it are different, a class struggle projection. In developing fight for it, special approaches based on self-interest re Negro, youth, industry by industry, South, etc. /really it cannot be won unless South is organized./ It rejects Adm. idea of sacrifice for the cold war, etc.

### "3. Struggle in Georgia and Mississippi

"Negro peoples movements taken on more and more an aggressive, offensive, winning quality /and racist desperation reflects their defensive state/. White Americans being drawn into the struggle in new ways and among wider strata /youth, students, churches/. 17th Convention conclusions confirmed.

"In Georgia, defeat of candidate running for 19th term by a last minute substitute candidate!

"We haven't drawn all conclusions from our own analysis. Dixiecrats can also be defeated by defeating its Northern win /Dirksen, Nixon, etc./.

"4. Youth festival and US participation /some 450 youth/. Same with Tokyo and Moscow conferences; at latter almost 250 US participants helped change character of Congress.

### "5. 1962 elections

"Some of most crucial contests coming up, among them California, Michigan, Illinois, Penn., New York.

"In primaries: ultra-right made some victories but also suffered some important setbacks.



"Issues are clearly drawn in many of the contests; outcome is very close; and our role is decisive. /spoils out issues/

"New thing of peace candidates; is it possible that realignment is shaping up through this?

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### "More Specific Features of Struggle for Party

"Critical and self-critical approach necessary. Positive framework needed; otherwise, criticism and self-criticism can be destructive.

"Framework: we're not discussing a Party crisis. To contrary, Party is most influential of Left in US and a slow, continuing growth of its influence. Most all groups, including the SP, are going through intense factional struggles, splits. CP united with a resourceful, able and dedicated cadre. In a modest way, begun to break through isolation. Marxism becoming a legitimate outlook for hundreds of thousands, especially youth, who are studying it, many from our viewpoint.

"We are recruiting, especially among youth and some others, and some old membership has come back.

"Within this framework, our problems and weaknesses are varied: some, because progress presents new problems. Some old, now sharper weaknesses, etc. We are now in a position to re-establish criticism and self-criticism because the internal situation has been restored.

"Further we move forward, more we need clear understanding of Party's history, for the youth, and for ourselves. Many Parties are doing it /East German, for example/; and we must also consider preparation for it.

"Some of our weaknesses have roots in our past; pressures toward liquidation and underestimation of role of the Party as a Party. This keeps cropping up in our history /today, there is no open suggestion to liquidate the Party/.

"/Traces in brief outline some highlights of revisionist assaults on Party/. 17th Convention marked a turning point. Today, a Blumberg delivers anti-Party lectures; a Starobin tries to fish for differences in Eastern Europe; a Gates takes the

"same path as Lovestone/. Cannot remain silent in this, and cannot fight for Party without sharpening fight against these people.

"17th Convention registered a defeat for these elements, but the danger is not over.

"Right after the 17th Convention, a leftist, infantile danger temporarily overshadowed the revisionist danger. In the course of the struggle against this danger, the healthiest broke away to the Party and what was left degenerated....characteristic was that they tried to force Party to take dogmatic, ultra-left positions while in personal lives very right-opportunist.

"Common to both: a chipping away at Party standards and norms. Both were for 'right to dissent.' Both were for 'right' to go to membership to mobilize against adopted policies; both against criticism and self-criticism; the extremes of both degenerated into open, irresponsible efforts to destroy the Party. The Party was victorious against both, but some scars remain and some problems remain.

"The need for daily, continuous struggle for ideology and line is proven by these experiences of last decade.

"Examples of hangovers still with us:

"...in one state, a former state leader still in leadership, but agrees with Blumberg that Marxism-Leninism doesn't apply to US /0/

"...member of section committee in another state who fights 17th Convention policies re end cold war and on ultra-right and yet, still teaches classes.

"...'silent people' who 'reserve' judgement; people who sit on state bodies; do nothing; pick on policy, chip away, take no responsibility. Must conclude they do not agree with policies of Party.

"Three years after 17th Convention, leadership can have only people who agree with and fight for policies.

"June 1961 - McCarran Act decision of Court:

"gave rise to new attempts to destroy Party..in New York, the Rosen-Unger conspiracy..some state boards adopted a liquidationist position..in many places, policy of organizational flexibility distorted into liquidationist tendencies.

"Some guidelines on flexibility: 1) must fight for open face as long as humanly possible; 2) increase ability of Party to speak, especially by utilizing press; 3) there must be approach to preventing exposure of membership, etc., but retain basic Party org. concepts, collectivity, etc.

"Struggle for Party begins in the Center: not the most effective factor in making CP the vanguard it can and should be. Haven't fulfilled decisions in re Left centers; unemployed problem. Good decisions; but what done to carry out very sad.

"Biggest weakness: center didn't work with clubs, sections and districts to carry out decisions. Check-up on decisions not done. Org. Dep't. must be specifically in charge of checking up, politically; if not, why not, etc.

"More specific division of work needed in center and reporting back to Party bodies on what individuals do. Major part of work of commissions must be to work with Party on problem of carrying out decisions.

"On how flexibility was miscarried:

in some districts, state offices and spokesmen liquidated; clubs left to swim by selves; dues payments have become a voluntary act; press is handled like a commercial item, not a political weapon; literature non-existent; finances go by the board.

"Path to liquidation is a slow, grain-by-grain accommodation /under guise of 'temporary' measures/ to each new difficulty. Often unnoticed; process slow; quietly, something substituted for something else; basic education is given up; 'anybody feel like paying dues?'; 'why meet so often?' 'why meet at all, don't we work together in mass organizations?'; finally, no Party.

"Let me tell you of report by comrade in charge of industrial work in a key industrial state: inspiring report on progress in building the left; but clear that no Communist organization existed, no dues, no anything; saw no need for the Party; saw individuals. This is liquidation.

"We also have some examples of reverse. /1/

"Dissolving CP into Left will not lead to building Party; only an organized CP can lead to building CP and help guide this Left to fulfill its Left role.

"Risks /in re industrial towns/ how handled; in what context, this is the important thing; yes, there are risks, but worth it. For years, security has been fought for incorrectly. Individual contacts has become replacement for organization; liquidation of principle of collectivity, of Party structure.

"On Initiative: /as key problem of Party/

"examples: AFL-CIO 35 hour week resolution; railroad strike.

"Issue in RR strike: it has been practice in US that corporations have unrestricted right to hire and fire; now, with automation, and telegraphers almost wiped out, union has taken stand that corporation has no such right; that human rights are more important than profit-rights. New era of class approach and struggle opening up. Why no initiative? why have we missed boat on 35 hour week. Actually we played up fight between Keany and Reuther and didn't see what was new in this; still have task of working up campaign based on understanding significance of this event. Unemployment--relief cut, and statement of state senator at an open hearing that 'CP must be dead; if it were alive, it would be here.'

"We have said for years that a weak spot in fight for peace is labor. Workers in US have deep desire to live in a peaceful world and do not like Cold War policies, and where have chance, will vote for peace. But also clear, will not fight for peace through Rat Bomb movement, etc. This is also true on matter of how working class moves into anti-monopoly movements. Basically, will move long path where their self-interest and fight for peace coincide.

"35 hour week is such an issue; tax cut is another such issue as promised by Administration; only question, what kind of tax cut. One of those questions which will get quicker response than most other things; can be most popular broad issue; but needs prodding, initiative, injection into campaign; relation to peace can be most direct and head-on. Reapportionment and decisions of Supreme Court; exceptionally important development; related to emergence of anti-monopoly coalition since impossible without exerting weight and role, politically, of labor-Negro coalition, etc. Question of strength and power of working class is involved here.

"What is source of weaknesses?

"1. insufficient understanding of Science of M-L. tendencies to swing such fundamental questions as what is this party of a new type cannot be tied to short range difficulties or lack of difficulties.

"2. lack of appreciation of how new epoch is affecting and influencing forces, and thereby their development, etc., here. And therefore underestimation of capacity of people to react; and slowness of our reactions.

"How else explain lack of use of press, etc.

"Must change role of club in relation to press and make it central to its work.

"One can't take for granted that whole Party knows we are a working class party; that party can be vanguard only on basis of concept of leading role of the working class.

"Relationship of Negro people's struggle in re class struggle. Can't over look fact that over 2/3 of Negro people are working class families and the effect this has on both class and liberation struggles. Need further thinking and study; will probably find we do not give it due weight.

"Need for struggle against increase in white chauvinist influences in Party; if not fought against, will penetrate like a virus; must be reestablished as an ideological struggle; also against great-power chauvinism, anti-semitism, etc.

"Standards of leadership

"Must do more to fight for higher standards

"Overall criticism of leadership; not working enough with Party to carry out decisions, policies

"Violations of elementary principles of org.

"'Right of dissent' from a policy after it is adopted persists in Party. Some factional habits still left in Party; showing up even in young cadre.

"Sense of team-work, collective work excludes any member of such a collective being an arbiter, a neutral, a 'negotiator,' etc.

"Must give life to AIMS--to research center and have concrete plans in 2 weeks.

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"Discussion:

"(James) Jackson: Extended remarks /sub-report/ on press.

"(William) Weinstone: Gus (Hall) hit main task: fight for Party. This has been history of Party. Building of CP has never been easy; as result of world situation, difficulties at home have increased. Present problem of liquidation stems from sharpened McCarran attacks & increase in tendencies to give way to difficulties.

"More attention must be given to problems of individual comrades. United front, esp. in action, a key to fight for Party Stress on independent role of Party; Party must have known leaders /significance of speaking engagements of Gus, Ben (Davis) etc./ Greater emphasis on role of working class and recognize stage of development of w.c. (working class) Must not overlook a stage behind European w.c. in class consciousness and pol. development. Task: how to raise w.c. to higher level of class and pol. consciousness and independence. Present emphasis on shorter work week and tax cuts.

"Must also do more in re growing interest in theory, Marxism. Attention to theory; we have weakened in theory, tended to counterpose one to another: in trying to answer new questions, sacrifice org; tended to counterpose current to basic. Orientation courses needed, esp. for youth.

"Jim T. (Torrey) - Gus singled out question that is decisive.

"On Party history--course of events up to and since 17th Convention has been most positive; on Negro question, ultra-right, on youth, all important contributions.

"Nothing so deadly as a person who sees only negative; such not equipped for leadership, a candidate for rank-filist anarchism.

"Fearful we may go into a new round of ideological struggle divorced from mass line.

"Reason for failure to move membership not primarily ideological; age level has something to do with it; lost generation of cadre.

"Many leaders in today's party were yesterday's rank and filers with roots in the left. Part of our problem is lack of cadre training policy.

"Greatest weakness we have now is inability to take policy and break it down on a programmatic basis and indicating what and even how to do. Our peace workers want a program that reaches beyond the peace movement and want a theory of peace work. Confident we will work out problem but not so confident we have skill equal to tasks. In singling out emphasis on w.c. we can relate it to all aspects, to all sections, etc. How do we program fight for shorter work week? What do we do? Let us study lessons of struggles and experiences.

"Bob T. (Thompson) - Would like to discuss some problems raised in Gus' report. Fight for Party today is in most basic sense a fight to overcome its isolation from major struggles taking place in w.c., Negro people and other sections.

"One of most basic factors arises from peculiarity of American political scene. Over last 15 years, a very violent attack on Communism /spells it out/; within a setting where ruling class has not undertaken a frontal assault to smash labor movement and other orgs. of people. This not the classical pattern; an unusual circumstance. We have not had 'replica' of German, Italian experiences. Simultaneous with attack on us, important concessions to labor and Negro people /as result of struggles/. This has established a certain setting in which fight for party and overcoming its isolation takes place. Two things arise out of this on which we must center attention.

"1 - a heavy burden is put on the Party to oppose heavy pressure of alien ideology on Party; basic reason for intensity and depth of internal struggle in Party; from this flows need for sustained, continuous attention to struggle for ideology and against all inroads on that ideology; more than any other p.

"2 - Together with this goes another problem; and if we don't fully see this, we will not have kind of



"effective struggle we need for Party: we must find the specific forms which enable our Party to become linked up, tangibly, with the basic struggles of the people. Especially in relation to youth /now, at least we can speak of an age gap./

"When we speak of working with Party, we mean that section which is working, who are in unions, who are where the struggles are taking place.

"Happy about that section of report where Gus developed 35 hour wk. It is the issue I think we can mount a sustained, several-year-period campaign to develop the kind of initiative, development of left relationships to other forces, etc., which could, in 2 or 3 years from now, enable us to speak of a different situation in the Party. This decision of AFL-CIO represents for this period as significant a decision as the one to form the CIO. Didn't arise out of thin air; first significant break on economic plane with cold war policy of ruling class, a break with ideology /in practice/ of ruling class; a specific form in which w.c. is moving to make its break; of most basic importance; if conscious forces work, from it can flow political consciousness on other issues of peace, etc. /elaborates on what could unfold from all this, its ramifications in re Dixiecrat-GOP coalition, org. of South, development of ind. political action, etc./ One of most important things we can come out of this session is a plan of work on shorter work week campaign. Would provide framework best suited to come to grips with our ideological problems, etc.

"(Anthony Krehmarek) Kreh: Gus has correctly placed main emphasis on fight for Party, politically, ideologically and esp. organizationally. I believe problems of organization is burning question. People still raise questions about 48-50 period; of estimate of imminence of fascism and the org. decisions that flowed from it. Our people still cautious. How do we work out our org. problems forms and methods of functioning. Want to know. /goes into some experiences/.

"(Louis) Weinstock on Worker circulation

"Jim W. (West) Gus has focused attention on the decisive problems of this moment, the fight for Party. Party has good line, is united in like-mindedness on this line. But correct



"policy without organization is like armless sculptor-frustration. Like-mindedness not enough; like-mindedness in action is vital, and even more, like-mindedness in action of the Party leadership.

"Yes, there is an age-problem, but this must not obscure what this party, this small party can do today to break its isolation. This Party itself, what it does, how it fights for UF, is a social force.

"Surprised to hear resident members make motions and proposals at this meeting. Preparations for such meetings must go beyond agreement on main report; should also work out and present plans of work to carry out line of report, and not leave for after meeting is over. Style and method of leadership: all leaders must give same emphasis as given in report; members and people we influence must see and feel united leadership, not different emphasis. Talks on role of Worker in this respect. Need to fight for central direction and leadership in all work; to overcome tendencies to sectionalism, autonomism, which are also forms of 'reservations' to main line. Individuals must recognize subordination of selves to collectives. Organization of work of center decisive. Can't all be general secretaries. Old song is right: 'let each stand in his place;' Great contributions of team of collective national leadership, all pulling in one direction on basis of individual responsibility. Need for a strong Org. Department, as a team of topmost politically competent organizers who take policies to Party, help work out and apply, check-up, control, move whole situation forward.

Content and form get twisted in one package.

"On problem of security: fear of 'conspiracy' charge and resulting at times by some in doubletalk, which no one could understand and partially responsible for errors made in field of form.

"/Discusses some experiences showing that forms may vary, so long as content remains basic and constant/.

"Collective work: how to work together with everybody else, requires that each has a specific assignment.

"From responsibility separated out of Party into separate press committee.

"No individual can see all the problems; for this, collective needed. Arrogance and growing disease of individualism is a problem; subjectivity is frightening.

"Tremendous ideological preparation of Negro people preceded the struggles; people must move based on conviction and that means ideological struggle. Can't take narrow, bookish view of ideological struggle; its essence is convincing people.

"Burt (Nelson): agrees with emphasis, weight and direction of Gus' report and with what Jim J. said. /compares party to football: in a sense, we are both coaches and players/.

"We all agree on general political perspective of 17th Convention. Question is whether we all understand and are able to apply.

"Believes should concentrate on shorter work week; taxes and McCarran fight.

"Geo. H (Meyer): agrees with Gus' report and Jim's talk.

"Our problems arise from growing pains; some are really organizational problems; difficulties in running guys down and expecting them to function as Communists. Why no club agendas? leadership's fault. Loss of confidence in American working class is why many people left the Party. Southern integration gains can be lost unless w.c. in South is organized."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

DATE: 10/10/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (422)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA - MEMBERSHIP  
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On 9/21/62, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past was contacted in connection with Party estimate of their membership.

This informant was in a good position as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Kings County CP to estimate Party membership in Kings County. The informant stated that the figures which he generally received from Party officers were generally larger than his own personal estimate of Party membership.

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The informant advised that he had accepted the figures of Party officers even though they appeared to him to be inflated.

The informant advised that it was ~~one's~~ <sup>his</sup> opinion that Party officers generally exaggerated and in some cases greatly inflated the Party membership figures in order to enhance their Party positions and in order that it might appear to the National Leadership of the Party that these officers were doing a good job. The informant expresses very little confidence in membership figures published by the CP believing them to be greatly inflated.

Informant consistently estimated the membership of the Party at about 1/3 Less than the official figure.

1 - [REDACTED] (Inv) (422)  
1 - 100-80638

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ReBulet 10/5/62.

The investigative and supervisory personnel of the NYO have thoroughly considered the criteria utilized in enumerating membership.

All recognize, at the outset, that accurate approximation of actual Communist Party membership is difficult, if not impossible, to achieve. The Communist Party, USA, no longer keeps membership records. It appears that Party officials are making efforts to conceal membership statistics because of the current hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board. There is no indication of any new registration drive to be held in the near future. Some idea of Party membership can be obtained by counting the number who pay dues. It is however apparent that many individuals consider themselves and are considered by the Communist Party as members who do not pay dues on a current basis. Arriving at estimates of Party membership the Bureau must rely principally on information obtained by informants. While the Party leaders occasionally make statements among themselves re membership these statements are frequently disparate. Some Party leaders are prone to exaggerate and it is necessary in the evaluation of their statements to consider all the circumstances surrounding same.

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1 - New York (100-80638)

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Bureau letter of 6/2/59 captioned as above provided that the figures on positive and tentative be limited to those individuals who have been positively identified as Communist Party members or tentatively identified as such within the 12 month period immediately preceding the submission of the figures. It is the feeling of the NYO that the terms "tentative" and "unknown" no longer serve a useful purpose. Those tentatively identified constitute a comparatively small number. Those counted as "unknown" are really not unknown in the true sense but are merely unknown to be active within the 12 month period prior to the submission of the figures.

It is suggested that the Bureau maintain only two categories in the membership list, Active and Inactive. Those listed as Active will be those we can identify as being active within 12 months. Those Inactive are all those <sup>other</sup> persons who meet the criteria for inclusion on the Security Index due to their Communist Party affiliation. It is believed that such standards will permit a truer and more logical computation than we have been able to achieve in the past.

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-139834)  
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-44823)  
SUBJECT: COMINFIL, NALC  
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DATE: 11/14/62

Date received <b>10/15/62</b>	Received from (name or symbol number) [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past	Received by SA [redacted]
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Brief description of activity or material <b>Meeting of New York CP Negro Caucus</b>		File where original is located if not attached [redacted]

Remarks:

26 New York (RM)  
(1 100-135084) [redacted]  
(1 100-48663) (IRVING POTASH)  
(1 100-85964) [redacted]  
(1 100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON)  
(1 100- ) (UNSUB; Negro Male, Spanish First Name - Possibly JUAN, 28-30 years old, medium brown, brown eyes, stocky, black hair, 5'8", 160-170 lbs.)  
(1 100-143711) [redacted]  
(1 100-102794) [redacted]  
(1 100-138651) [redacted]  
(1 100-134630) [redacted]  
(1 100-19141) [redacted]  
(1 100- ) [redacted]  
(1 100- ) [redacted]  
(1 100-118174) (MILT ROSEN)  
(1 100-84935) (COMINFIL, RR INDUSTRY)  
(1 100-128814) (CP, NYD, ORGANIZATION)  
(1 100-80641) (CP, USA, ORGANIZATION)

New York (Cont'd)  
(1 100-128817) (CP, NYD, MEMBERSHIP)  
(1 100-80638) (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)  
(1 100-128809) (CP, NYD, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
(1 100-89590) (CP, USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
(1 100-128821) (CP, NYD, FACTIONALISM)  
(1 100-132491) (CP, NYD, RAILROAD REGION)  
(1 100-31019) (CP, USA, COMINFIL LABOR UNIONS)  
(1 100-128815) (CP, NYD, NEGRO QUESTION)  
(1 100-80640) (CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION)

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5 Chicago (RM)

(1 100- ) [REDACTED]  
(1 100- ) (COMINFIL, RAILROAD INDUSTRY)  
(1 100-18953) (CP, USA, ORGANIZATION)  
(1 100- ) (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)

2 Detroit (RM)

(1 100- ) [REDACTED]

4 Newark

(1 100-35539) [REDACTED]  
(1 100-31822) (COMINFIL, RAILROAD INDUSTRY)  
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October 15, 1962

There was a meeting of the Negro Caucus of the New York COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) on October 14, 1962, at the residence of [redacted], New York City. As a matter of interest, it is noted that someone during the meeting referred to the caucus as "this commission". The following people were present at this meeting:

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[redacted], from New Jersey

IRVING POTASH

[redacted] Chairman of the meeting

WILLIAM PATTERSON

Unidentified Negro male, with a Spanish first name, possibly JUAN, 28-30 years old, medium brown, stocky, brown eyes, black hair, 5'8", 160-170 lbs.

[redacted] was supposed to be at this meeting but sent word he could not make it.

The main topic of discussion was the elections this coming Wednesday in the New York Council of the NEGRO AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL (NALC). It seems that the New York NALC has become divided into two groups. One group is pushed by BILL JONES, BILL EPTON, and [redacted]. They are promoting an organizer from longshoreman's union as the president of the NALC. When BILL JONES was expelled from the CP, he stayed in the New York Council and led a splitting influence. He attacked the garment union and DAVE DUBINSKY concerning racial discrimination in that industry. The current president of the NALC, A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, disliked what JONES was doing so he wrote to DUBINSKY disavowing the criticisms of the ILGWU. As a result it seems that BILL JONES and BILL EPTON are against RANDOLPH and have drawn up their own slate for the coming elections. The man that JONES and EPTON are pushing has threatened to start his own organization if he loses the election and apparently JONES and EPTON and [redacted] are agreeing to this.

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[ ] expressed a three-point opinion; namely, (1) if the New York NALC loses out to the JONES and EPTON group, the national organization will fold up, (2) without unity, the New York club will fold up, and (3) without the current president, there will be no unity in the NALC. [ ] took issue with what [ ] said.

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[ ] spoke about what she had done for unity within the NALC, referring to a talk she had had with [ ] and about a dance that had been held. She apparently is requesting to work with any of the NALC members on BILL JONES' slate. It appears that the recent expulsion in the CP has somewhat affected the NALC by affecting CP members within the NALC.

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[ ] told the caucus about a letter he received recently from a man named [ ] in Chicago concerning WRIGHT's desires to make contact with the CP railroad group in New York. [ ] also mentioned the visits he had in New Jersey from a man named [ ] active in the Negro labor movement in Detroit.

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It was said that [ ] was supposed to get a telephone call following the meeting from a man in the CP who was not at this meeting, and she was to have this man contact WILLIAM PATTERSON who would then contact the man BILL JONES is pushing for President of the NALC and try to get this man to give way to the NALC National Office group.

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[ ] said that RANDOLPH wrote a second letter to his first letter to [ ] and this second letter was a clarification of his first letter concerning the charge of discrimination in the garment industry leveled by BILL JONES. She said MILT ROSEN was making up a printing of RANDOLPH's first letter to [ ] for distribution, but he was unaware of this second letter explaining the first letter. [ ] suggested that someone notify MILT ROSEN about this second letter. PATTERSON was to speak to some man that night and tell him to get in touch with ROSEN and pass the information on to ROSEN.

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**SECURITY INFORMATION**

**EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN UTILIZING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MEMORANDUM IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE SOURCE.**

On 11/5/62, [redacted] advised that on 11/2/62, [redacted] approached him concerning the informant's interest in being recruited into the CP. [redacted] stated that the Party was interested in him and wanted him to consider joining.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] that he had been interested in the Movement for a long time, and was pleased that the Party felt that he had something to contribute. He added however, that he had several personal problems to overcome, and would like to ask the Party's advice and assistance in solving them. One involved his job, in which he served as a supervisor in a plant making electronic materials, and would, if necessary, have to be most circumspect in concealing any affiliation on his part with the Party. Secondly, his wife, although sympathetic generally with the Progressive Movement, might require additional encouragement before she would approve of her husband's membership in the Party, and accept the hazards which could possibly develop therefrom.

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According to the informant, [redacted] then said there were reasonable concerns, and he was sure the Party would consider them favorably, and that perhaps a Party member could visit [redacted] at his home when his wife was present in the near future.

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[redacted] then advised [redacted] that he would have to have "an adult sponsor", and did he have anyone in mind who would recommend him.

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[redacted] then feigned reticence<sup>C</sup> about "dropping names". He said that he would not want to mention anyone's name without their approval, and mildly chided [redacted] about "putting him on the spot".

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[redacted] answered that this was proper concern on the part of [redacted] but he assured the informant that such was necessary in this case, and urged him to try to think of someone who would recommend him. [redacted] then mentioned the name [redacted], noting that he, [redacted] had first met [redacted] at [redacted] residence. He then questioned [redacted] as to why he had been at [redacted] residence on that occasion.

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The informant answered that he had received several invitations from [redacted] to attend Freedom of the Press functions, and on this occasion he had no other engagement, and decided to attend. Informant told [redacted] that he assumed that [redacted] had obtained his name for his mailing list from the informant's activities at the Jefferson School and the Faculty of Social Science. He added, however, that he did not know [redacted] very well personally, did not know that he was a CP member, and doubted that [redacted] knew him well enough to vouch for him.

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[redacted] then told [redacted] that he would be willing to mention the name of a person with whom he had served on a committee several years back, whom he highly respected as being well versed in the Progressive Movement, and who was in a position to recommend him, although the informant did not know if she was officially a member of the Party. [redacted] pressed him for the name, and was told it was [redacted].

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[redacted] then enthusiastically asked the informant if he knew who [redacted] was, and the informant then asked [redacted] what he meant. [redacted] answered that [redacted] was the mother-in-law of [redacted].

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[redacted] professed surprise at this, and [redacted] terminated the conversation by saying that he felt certain that [redacted] would "have no trouble at all now".

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[redacted] subsequently advised the writer that he felt that as a result of the above conversation, [redacted] trusted him and there was reason to believe that further contacts would be made concerning the informant's recruitment into the CP.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
IS-C

DATE: 11/20/62

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS dated 10/25/62,  
at New York, reflects activity of the CPUSA, for the  
quarterly period 7/1/62 to 9/30/62. Details of such  
activity may be found in this report under the following:

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1-NY (100-80641) (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION) (414)  
1-NY (100-80638) (CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP) (414)  
1-NY (100-74560) (CPUSA - FUNDS) (414)  
1-NY (100-81338) (CPUSA - SECURITY MEASURES) (414)  
1-NY (100-96985) (CPUSA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS) (414)  
1-NY (100-87211) (CPUSA - FACTIONALISM) (414)  
1-NY (100-86624) (CPUSA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (414)  
1-NY (100-88123) (CPUSA - UNITED NATIONS) (414)  
1-NY (100-87212) (CPUSA - COLONIAL MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-79717) (CPUSA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (414)  
1-NY (100-80636) (CPUSA - LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES) (414)  
1-NY (100-89691) (CPUSA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES) (414)  
1-NY (100-80640) (CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION) (414)  
1-NY (100-80644) (CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80643) (CPUSA - WOMEN MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80634) (CPUSA - FARMERS MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-88297) (CPUSA - CULTURAL ACTIVITIES) (414)  
1-NY (100-79498) (CPUSA - VETERANS MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-54651) (CPUSA - NATIONAL GROUPS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80864) (CPUSA - RELIGION) (414)  
1-NY (100-81675) (CPUSA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80633) (CPUSA - EDUCATION) (414)  
1-NY (100-133902) (CPUSA - ATTEMPTS OF CP TO INFILTRATE MASS  
ORGANIZATIONS) (414)  
1-NY (100-140277) (CP INTEREST IN PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE) (414)  
1-NY (100-145839) (PUBLIC APPEARANCES OF PARTY LEADERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-4931) (414)

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- Factionalism
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- Political Activities
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- Negro Question
- Youth Matters
- National Groups
- Pamphlets and Publications
- Education
- Public Appearances of Party Leaders

No information suitable for inclusion in this report was developed during the period 7/1/62 to 9/30/62, concerning the following activities of the CPUSA:

- Underground Operations
- United Nations
- Colonial Matters
- Legislative Activities
- Women Matters
- Farmers Matters
- Cultural Activities
- Veterans Matters
- Religion
- Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations
- CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, ALBANY

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA -  
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(OO: NY)

DATE: 11/30/62

On 10/26/62, NY 1637-S\* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL BART at his residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. The original negatives of this information are being made an exhibit in BART's NY file (100-56579).

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1-Buffalo (Encl. 1) (RM)  
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1-Salt Lake City (Encl. 1) (RM)  
1-San Diego (Encl. 1) (RM)  
1-San Francisco (Encl. 1) (RM)  
1-Seattle (Encl. 1) (RM)  
1-Springfield (Encl. 1) (RM)  
1-St. Louis (Encl. 1) (RM)  
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (414)  
1-New York (100-131666) CPUSA - SOUTHERN REGIONAL  
COMMITTEE (414)

1-New York (100-74560) (CPUSA - FUNDS) (414)  
1-New York (100-80638) (CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP) (414)  
1-New York (100-80641) (414)

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Among the information furnished was a two page handwritten document which appears to be a record of the "Average Due Payment 1961-1962" by State and District.

Copies of this information are being made an enclosure to this letter and to the pertinent offices.



Average Blues Payment 1961-1962		
	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962 Jan - Dec</u>
New York	1303	1088
New Jersey	62	—
E. Penna	123	—
W. Penna	10	—
Maryland	—	—
Conn.	5	—
New England	58	24
Ohio	75	46
Michigan	121	27
Illinois	191	191
Indiana	<del>46</del> 15	—
Wisconsin	<del>46</del> 46	159 average for 18 months
Miss	54	77

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Dakota	28	
Oregon	32	2
Montana	3	-
Utah	-	-
Washington	133	-
S. Calif	907	111
N. Calif	177	74
Missouri	-	-
Oklahoma	11	10
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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-139834)  
 FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-44823)  
 SUBJECT: COMINFIL NALC  
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DATE: 12/4/62

Date received <b>11/5/62</b>	Received from (name or symbol number) <b>[redacted] furnished reliable</b>	Received by <b>SA [redacted]</b>
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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report <b>11/5/62</b> Date(s) of activity <b>11/3/62</b>
Brief description of activity or material <b>Meeting of NYCP Negro Caucus</b>		File where original is located if not attached <b>[redacted]</b>

## Remarks:

- 19 - New York (RM)  
 (1 - 100-84275 - WILLIAM PATTERSON)  
 (1 - 100-135084 - [redacted])  
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 (1 - 100-19141 - A. PHILIP RANDOLPH)  
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 (1 - 100-80638 - CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)  
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 (1 - 100-79717 - CP, USA, POLITICAL ACTIVITY)  
 (1 - 100-133903 - CP, NYD, MASS ORGANIZATIONS)  
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 (1 - 100-89590 - CP, USA, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
 5 - Chicago (100-36644) (RM)  
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- 2 - Detroit (100-27906) (RM)  
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There was a meeting of the NYCP Negro caucus on 11/3/62, at the home of [redacted] Brooklyn, New York. The following people were present at this meeting:

WILLIAM PATTERSON from the CP, USA National Office

[redacted] caucus member

[redacted] from New Jersey, caucus member

[redacted] caucus member

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The main item of discussion was the coming National Convention of the Negro-American Labor Council (NALC) in New York City from 11/9-11/62. The question in everyone's mind seemed to be one of whether or not the NALC would continue to exist. PATTERSON said that A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH, President of the NALC, has a tight hold on that organization and PATTERSON felt the NALC would not do much until RANDOLPH was out. PATTERSON said RANDOLPH broke with socialism and that RANDOLPH is in the vest pocket of the trade unions. PATTERSON expressed his opinion that the NALC should attach itself to the Trade Union Leadership Council in Detroit if the NALC could not be held together. PATTERSON felt the NALC should no longer be a non-Partisan organization but it should be a fighting political organization.

Concerning the coming NALC convention, PATTERSON outlined the following five points which should be pressed by the CP Negro-caucus members present at the convention.

1. Caucus members should fight for local autonomy of each NALC branch.
2. Caucus members should fight for a NALC program even though the NALC is non-Partisan.
3. CP caucus members should demand a stewardship report by past officers of the NALC, a move apparently designed to embarrass past NALC leadership.
4. They should try to develop for the NALC a national struggle around a single industry.

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5. They should work toward the election of a new National Secretary, thereby getting rid of the present Secretary, a man named BROWN.

PATTERSON wanted all of those present at this meeting to be prepared to get up on the floor of the convention and talk for the above five points. It appeared that the most outstanding point would be the one concerning local autonomy for the NALC branches, and this point would probably be the main one for discussion. PATTERSON feels that the CP would have a better chance to influence the NALC if there is more local autonomy.

PATTERSON said he would use [ ] as liaison between the New York members and three CP members coming to the convention from Chicago; namely, [ ]

[ ] Apparently, [ ] had telegraphed East saying that he was prepared to come in fighting, and they are to contact [ ] when they arrive in New York. PATTERSON apparently wants close contact maintained between the New York CP members and the Chicago CP members who are at the convention.

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PATTERSON and [ ] indicated that one [ ] was finished with the NALC. PATTERSON said [ ] was under the influence of someone else who ran in the recent NALC elections and lost.

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[ ] indicated that she had been in conversation with [ ] of Chicago regarding the NALC convention and [ ] wanted to know where the caucus members would be gathering during the convention. It seemed almost like [ ] had already arrived in New York City, judging from the way [ ] talked.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO ✓ SAC, Albany

DATE: December 7, 1962

FROM ✓ Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
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The Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), membership figures for the quarter ending December 31, 1962, must reach the Bureau from each field office by January 8, 1963, by AIRTEL. If an office has no known members in its territory, it will so indicate in its airtel.

The airtel is to be submitted under instant caption and will contain the data usually incorporated under the membership caption in the cover pages of the quarterly reports and the quarterly letters. Indicate the number of members positively identified and tentatively identified in addition to the total number. Any fluctuations in the requested figures compared to those submitted for the quarter ending September 30, 1962, must be explained.

These special instructions relate only to the quarter ending December 31, 1962, and to the requested airtel. They do not alter currently outstanding instructions regarding the regular submission of membership data in quarterly communications.

I reiterate. Each office submit the requested information by January 8, 1963, by AIRTEL.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-84935)  
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-31822)  
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Brief description of activity or material Meeting between [redacted] IRVING POTASH, RALPH TURNER and BILL SCOTT		File where original is located if not attached [redacted]

Remarks:

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING THE FOLLOWING INFO TO PRECLUDE COMPROMISING THE INFORMANT.

- 13 - New York (RM)  
1 - 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)  
1 - 100-111165 (WILLIAM R. SCOTT)  
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1 - 100- [redacted] (RALPH TURNER)  
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1 - 100-19431 (CP, ILL. DISTRICT, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
1 - 100- [redacted] (CP, I.D., ORGANIZATION)  
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On Tuesday, November 13, 1962, [ ] of the New Jersey COMMUNIST PARTY (CP), IRVING POTASH of the National Office of the CP, USA, and RALPH TURNER of the Illinois CP, met with BILL SCOTT, of the New York CP, in the back of SCOTT's store in Nyack, New York.

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[ ] read out loud to those assembled the Chicago draft of a new railroad program for reorganization of the CP national railroad group.

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BILL SCOTT voiced his opinion that he did not have enough seniority to go back into railroad employment, but he would work with the railroad group as much as possible, and he would go back to work for the railroad if they accepted him. SCOTT referred to his problem about his election to the local chairmanship of his lodge and how he was not permitted to hold office. SCOTT also made some recommendations on the program ready by [ ]

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It was finally resolved that when [ ] gets the draft again from POTASH, [ ] will add his ideas, and those of SCOTT, to the program; and take one copy to Chicago and contact [ ] there, who will set up a meeting of the railroad club to discuss the proposed program, after which a unified program for a national CP railroad group will be formed.

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[ ] complained that he would probably have difficulty working in a railroad group and also working in a committee club in New Jersey as JAMES LUSTIG, leader of the New Jersey CP, had instructed him to do. POTASH said he would see LUSTIG about some arrangement whereby [ ] would not be pulled two ways in his Party work.

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- 1 - 100- (CP, USA, MASS ORGANIZATIONS)
- 1 - 100-31019 (CP, USA, COMINFIL LABOR UNIONS)
- 1 - 100-132430 (CP, NYD, INDUSTRIAL DIVISION)
- 1 - 100-132488 (CP, NYD, GARMENT AND  
MILLINERY REGION)
- 21 - Chicago (100-36644) RM
  - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100- (RALPH TURNER)
  - 1 - 100-22483 [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100- (C/M 6', 50 years old,  
light complexion, 180-190 pounds,  
thin to medium build, from Chicago,  
who attended NALC Convention,  
NYC. 11/9-11/62.)
  - 1 - 100- [REDACTED] (PH)
  - 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
  - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100- (EARL (LNU) (CP contact of [REDACTED])
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  - 1 - 100- (CP, Ill. Dist. Negro Question)
  - 1 - 100- (CP, Ill. Dist. Cominfil Labor Unions)
- 1 - Detroit (100-27906) (INFO) RM
- 2 - Pittsburgh (100- ) RM
  - (1 - 100-) (C/M, 5'6", 195 pounds, married,  
28-29 years old, light brown, who  
attended NALC Convention, NYC 11/9-11/62.)
- 5 - Newark
  - 1 - 100-35539 [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100-21374 [REDACTED]
  - 1 - 100-4284E (CP, USA, Organization)

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The third annual convention of the ~~NEGRO-AMERICAN~~ LABOR COUNCIL (NALC) was held on 11/9 through 11/11/62 in the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, Broadway at 34th Street, New York City.

The entire three days of the convention were taken up largely with speeches by individuals introduced from the speakers' platform. A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, President of the NALC, gave the key note address. From the beginning, there was a constant flow of speeches on the speakers' platform and as soon as one speaker ended, another was introduced and began his speech. There was little opportunity for people on the floor to stand up and say anything.

The following members of the COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) were observed attending this convention:

JAMES LUSTIG  
Newly designated leader  
of the New Jersey CP

GEORGE MORRIS  
of "The Worker"

Negro male, a reporter from  
"The Worker", who accompanied  
GEORGE MORRIS.

[redacted]  
from New Jersey

[redacted]  
from New York City

[redacted]  
from New York City

[redacted]  
from Chicago

RALPH TURNER  
from Chicago.

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[redacted]  
from Chicago.  
(Apparently she is in the CP  
because LIGHTFOOT said he  
contacts her individually.)

[redacted]  
from New York City.

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Negro male, about 5'6"  
195 pounds, married, 28-29 years  
light brown complexion, from  
Pittsburgh.

Negro male, 6' tall, approximately  
50 years old, light complexion,  
180 - 190 pounds, thin to medium  
build, from Chicago.

Other individuals observed at the convention were:

[redacted] (PH)  
from Chicago, who was in the CP  
in Cleveland, Ohio, but who said she  
dropped out recently when a former CP  
member testified for the government.  
(HEIGHT feels that the present CP, USA,  
is inept.)

[redacted]  
from Chicago.

[redacted] said she left the CP because she had  
been doing all the work and that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and others  
would criticize her work and tell her what she should have done.  
She said she became disgusted with the CP and left, and since  
then, she found she was able to do more out of the CP than in.  
She said when she wants to know what goes on in the CP, she  
contacts an individual in Chicago, named EARL. She said  
LIGHTFOOT is a playboy who goes around with young girls.

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From what she said, it is assumed her husband,  
[redacted] left the CP also. [redacted] said that

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everyone knows how to run a mass organization, but no one does anything, using the guise of security as a reason for their inactivity. She said she was once fired from her job for being a CP member, but no one in the CP helped her. She said no one in the CP is doing anything about housing. She said that Doctor [redacted] and wife, in Chicago, used to be real active in the CP and a part of the mass struggle, but now Doctor [redacted] and his wife, since moving to the best area of Chicago, look down their noses at people on the south side.

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[redacted]  
from Chicago.

[redacted] said [redacted] dropped out of the CP for the same reasons that she left the CP, but [redacted] said that [redacted] dropped out of the CP because he had signed a Taft-Hartley affidavit.

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[redacted] still does things for the CP when asked, by contributing to "The Worker", locating meeting hall, etc.

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**BILL EPTON**

(Recently expelled from the New York CP Negro Caucus, and who is currently active with "Progressive Labor.")

On Friday night, an NALC banquet was held at the Americana Hotel, which cost each person present \$10 to attend. There was a large number of people at the banquet. At about midnight, Friday night, 11/9/62, a group of CP members gathered in the room of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, of the Illinois CP leadership. LIGHTFOOT's room was on the seventh floor of a second-rate hotel, located at Broadway and 29th Street, New York City.

The following CP members were present at this meeting:

**CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT**  
Chairman of the meeting.

**IRVING POTASH**  
of the CP, USA National Office.

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[redacted]  
from New York City

[redacted]  
from New Jersey

[redacted]  
from Chicago

RALPH TURNER  
from Chicago

Negro male, about 5'6"  
195 pounds, married,  
28 - 29 years, light brown  
complexion, from Pittsburgh.

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Another Negro male from Chicago, previously mentioned, was supposed to be present, but it was later learned he got his directions wrong and went up in Harlem looking for LIGHTFOOT's hotel, instead of down at 29th Street.

At this meeting, LIGHTFOOT appraised the CP strength at the convention by noting that there were no CP members from Detroit at the convention and only one from Pittsburgh. LIGHTFOOT informed those present that this meeting would be the only meeting he would have of CP members during the convention because government agents were all around and LIGHTFOOT did not want to risk being detected by them. LIGHTFOOT said that he and WILLIAM PATTERSON (of the CP, USA National Office), who was not at this meeting, would not meet with any CP members after Friday night, for security reasons.

The meeting ended with a decision to make an issue of a report by [redacted], Labor and Industrial Secretary of the NAACP, regarding the ILGWU. This report by HILL, almost from the beginning, became a convention issue. It was brought out at this meeting that the CP members at the convention should press at all costs to support HILL's report. A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, President of the NALC, was against [redacted] proposal in his report to decertify all labor unions that discriminated against anyone because of his race, creed, or color.

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LIGHT FOOT said that if the CP members did not take this stand, the NALC would go out of business. LIGHTFOOT said the CP members should also try to get [redacted] of Chicago, to run for executive secretary of the NALC. This meeting of CP members ended about 1:30, Saturday morning.

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All through Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the NALC convention appeared to be run so tight that no one had much opportunity to speak from the floor. The plans made by CP members to influence the convention apparently never got off the ground. CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT did not attend, although it would seem from what LIGHTFOOT said that he and PATTERSON were in touch with each other.

The motion to support [redacted] report was defeated. On Friday and Sunday, A. PHILIP RANDOLPH emphasized in his speeches that in the past, the communists have been kicked out of the labor unions so they tried to find a happy hunting ground in the NALC. RANDOLPH said he had news for them - he would destroy the NALC before letting the CP get control of it. He said the NALC must be careful not to let CP members become members of the NALC.

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The convention ended Sunday afternoon.

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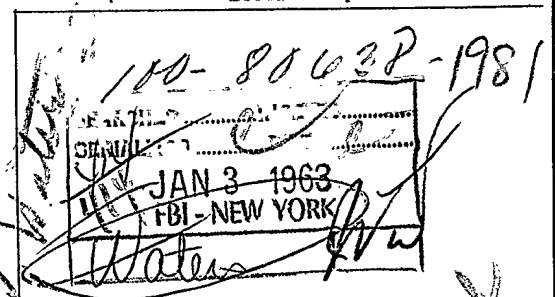
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- 2 - Pittsburgh (100- ) (RH)
  - 1 - 100- (NEGRO MALE, 5'6", 195 LBS., LIGHT BROWN COMPLEXION, MARRIED, 28-29 YEARS OLD, WHO ATTENDED NALC CONVENTION IN NYC, 11/9-11/62)
- 3 - Newark
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There was a meeting of CP members who were attending the NALC national convention in New York City, 11/9-11/62. These people met in a hotel at Broadway and 29th Street, New York City, on Friday midnight, 11/9/62.

Present at this meeting were:

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

IRVING POTASH  
of the CP National Office

[redacted]  
from New York City

[redacted]  
from Chicago

RALPH TURNER  
from Chicago

[redacted]  
from New Jersey

Negro male, about 5'6"  
195 pounds, light brown complexion,  
married, 28 - 29 years, who came  
from Pittsburgh

During this meeting, IRVING POTASH arranged with [redacted] and RALPH TURNER to meet Sunday morning in [redacted] hotel room, at a hotel in New York City, to discuss the reorganization of a CP national railroad group.

On Sunday morning, 11/11/62, POTASH, WRIGHT, and TURNER met with [redacted] in his hotel room, but POTASH said that BILL SCOTT was unable to make the meeting. [redacted] brought in his Chicago draft for a railroad program for 1963, which was apparently made earlier at a meeting of a railroad club in Chicago, which POTASH might have attended. The result of the meeting was a decision that [redacted] should read over the Chicago draft, analyze it, and make inclusions of his own

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ideas to the program. In general, the Chicago program for the national railroad group would be for the CP to put out a special railroad supplement to "The Worker"; to call for shorter hours in the railroad -- 30 hours at 40 hours pay; re-publish "Link", and push for unity among the railroad brotherhoods. [ ] was supposed to meet with BILL SCOTT the following Tuesday and discuss this program with SCOTT and also discuss plans for a reorganization of the railroad clubs in the east.

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Since the NALC Convention began that morning at 9:30 a.m., it was necessary to terminate this meeting before too much was discussed.

ANS: Overall: to help achieve a new quality in the role of our Party in this District.

- To achieve a rededication by every member to the working class & the Party today, and to his role in his specific situation.
- To lay the basis for an improvement in our relations with all the mass forces with which we are working, including increasing the possibilities for recruiting.

- Discussion of registration to begin with the discussions on the Party Campaign.
- All work on registration completed and reports to the District by the time of the completion of the Party Campaign (Feb 8).

- Dues through Dec plus Southern Solidarity Assessment.
- Individual discussion on aims of registration.
- Composition information for chart below. Use other side for any added information or comment.

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SAC, Seattle (100-23650)

January 11, 1963

Director, FBI (100-3-104-50)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to Seattle letter 1-4-63 which submitted two copies of a form to be used by the Northwest District Communist Party (CP) for the registration of its membership and suggested that nationwide dissemination of the special features of this form through public news media would serve to discredit and disrupt the CPUSA. You consider that the information requested on nationality, background and sex could be used to show that the CP practices discrimination among its membership although it is always going on the record as being strongly opposed thereto.

Although relet states that copies of this form have been recently issued throughout the King County CP, no information was set forth to reveal how this form was obtained by your office and if its release to public news media would jeopardize the security of any of your informants or special investigative techniques. You should furnish pertinent information on this point. This form may not be approved by the national office of the CP; therefore, submit your comments on whether nationwide publicity would be desirable if it is designed for local use only in the Northwest District CP.

The form instructs that all work on the registration be completed by February 8, but no information has been received by the Bureau that the CP is conducting a Party-wide registration at this time. New York Office should furnish immediately, under the "CP, USA - Membership" caption, any available information that the Party is conducting a reregistration of its membership. A copy of the form submitted by Seattle is enclosed for New York's information.

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ReBulet 1/11/63, entitled, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM."

No information has been developed by the NYO, either  
with respect to activity of the CP National Office or the  
New York District, as to a re-registration campaign.

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**17-Chicago REGISTERED MAIL**

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(1-100- (UNSUB: C/M, Dark Brown, 5' 10", 190 lbs., who slept through portions of CP Railroad meeting at RALPH TURNER's, 11/24/62))  
(1-100- [redacted])  
(1-100- (Miss ALICE, who resides with RALPH TURNER))  
(1-100- (EARL DURHAM))  
(1-100- [redacted] C/M, V. President of bartenders union)  
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November 28, 1962.

It has been learned that [redacted] of New Jersey went to Chicago on November 20, 1962 to meet with the COMMUNIST PARTY(CP) Railroad Group in that area. [redacted] made contact with [redacted] of Maywood, Illinois, and arranged a meeting with him on November 23, 1962, to show him a new draft program for the CP National Railroad Group. [redacted] met with [redacted] on November 23, 1962, at which time a meeting was set for the next day, November 24, 1962, at the home of RALPH TURNER.

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On Saturday, November 24, 1962, there was a gathering of CP members at the home of RALPH TURNER, 6203 South Parkway (first floor), Chicago, Illinois, to discuss the new CP draft program for its railroad group. Present at this meeting were the following:

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**RALPH TURNER**

An individual called BELL (phonetic), Negro. Male, close to 70 years old, 5' 8", 160 pounds, receding hairline, sharp features.

An unidentified Negro male, dark brown, 190 pounds, 5' 10", who slept through portions of the meeting

OTTO (LNU), white male, manager of a book store in Chicago, in his late fifties, hair greying, 5' 11", about 200 pounds

There was a woman named Miss ALICE, who resided with RALPH TURNER, who was present during portions of the meeting in the adjoining hallway. She actually did not attend the meeting but she overheard portions of it from where she was located. She indicated she was originally from Philadelphia, and she said she went to the NEGRO AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL (NALC) Convention in New York City, November 9 through 11, 1962, with RALPH TURNER. She gave the impression that she and TURNER were living together in a common-law relationship.

It was said that about five or six others, including EARL DURHAM, were supposed to be at this meeting but could not make it. Most of those present worked on the Milwaukee

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Railroad and were members of a waiters and bartenders union of which the Vice President is a Negro named RICHARD SMITH.

OTTO was Chairman of the meeting. He brought a great deal of literature with him to pass out, which included copies of the "New World Review", "Political Affairs", "World Marxist Review", "The Worker" and other books and pamphlets. The first item on the agenda was the literature brought by OTTO. Some of this literature was bought by some of those present.

A second item on the agenda was a discussion of the next meeting of this group.

The third item on the agenda was a discussion of the new draft program for the CP National Railroad Group, which [redacted] had brought with him from the East.

[redacted] explained how the program came about and then he read off the program including several additions to it made by him and others in the East. The draft program claims that big business and the railroads are "out for blood", taking their cue from President KENNEDY's "Grand Strategy" to intensify the cold war and place its burden on the working people, and it calls for the issuance of a pamphlet by the CP Railroad Group covering:

1) The Operating Brotherhood's and the Presidential Commission's recommendations on "featherbedding" and working rules changes.

2) The Emergency Board's recommendation for a 10.2 cents an hour pay increase which falls short of the 25 cents an hour increase demanded by the unions.

3) Job stabilization - the need for the 30-hour week at 40 hours' pay.

4) Quarterly mass meetings to strengthen unity among railroad workers in the face of coming attacks.

5) A fight against discrimination by giving full support to the NALC's program to unify Negro railroad workers.

6) The struggle against railroad mergers.

7) Support to H. R. 3795 now in Congress, concerning pensions.

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8) Public ownership (socialization) of the railroads.

Everyone present seemed to agree by-and-large with the program and apparently were pleased with it. Those present were also interested in learning about the condition of the New York CP Railroad Club and how many were left in it. [ ] explained that most of the New York CP Railroad Club were expelled from the CP early this year, and that those who were expelled had formed themselves into a group around a publication they called "Progressive Labor." [ ] explained that many of those who were expelled from the railroad group and from other portions of the CP in the New York area were leaders in the CP. Everyone seemed to agree that things were bad with the railroad group in New York, but things were much better with the group in Chicago.

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[ ] mentioned how the railroad unions had worked with someone from the Brotherhood of Engineers to set up a committee to oppose the merger of the Pennsylvania and New York Railroads, and he said that the railroad group should try to set up such committees all over the country to oppose mergers. They should get the NALC to work with them on it.

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It was finally agreed that [ ] on his return to the East would rewrite the draft program in finished form and send a copy to [ ] and [ ] are to maintain liaison between the railroad groups in the East and the Midwest by keeping in touch with each other through the mails. It was suggested that [ ] should have GEORGE MORRIS of "The Worker" put the draft program in an issue of "The Worker", maybe in pamphlet form.

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A review of Newark's files located information that "World Marxist Review" (mentioned by informant in this memo) is a publication pushed by the Canadian CP. Information about this publication is being disseminated in a letterhead memo.

# ESTIMATED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1962

The following figures are set out according to states and territory, field divisions and Communist Party districts:

## MEMBERSHIP IN STATES AND TERRITORIES

Alabama	3	Maine	0	Pennsylvania	141
Alaska	0	Maryland	40	Rhode Island	9
Arizona	21	Massachusetts	93	S. Carolina	0
Arkansas	0	Michigan	194	S. Dakota	12
California	976	Minnesota	170	Tennessee	0
Colorado	2	Mississippi	0	Texas	28
Connecticut	36	Missouri	38	Utah	16
Delaware	5	Montana	20	Vermont	2
District of Columbia	7	Nebraska	2	Virginia	8
Florida	0	Nevada	0	Washington	223
Georgia	6	New Hampshire	2	W. Virginia	9
Hawaii	0	New Jersey	145	Wisconsin	107
Idaho	5	New Mexico	5	Wyoming	0
Illinois	419	New York	1,888		
Indiana	46	N. Carolina	3	<u>Total</u>	<u>4,924</u>
Iowa	3	N. Dakota	18	<u>Territory</u>	
Kansas	5	Ohio	154	Puerto Rico	11
Kentucky	0	Oklahoma	11		
Louisiana	10	Oregon	42		

## MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD DIVISIONS

Albany	13	Houston	3	Oklahoma City	11
Albuquerque	5	Indianapolis	46	Omaha	5
Anchorage	0	Jacksonville	0	Philadelphia	119
Atlanta	5	Kansas City	8	Phoenix	21
Baltimore	45	Knoxville	0	Pittsburgh	31
Birmingham	2	Las Vegas	0	Portland	42
Boston	104	Little Rock	0	Richmond	7
Buffalo	22	Los Angeles	654	St. Louis	35
Butte	25	Louisville	0	Salt Lake City	16
Charlotte	3	Memphis	0	San Antonio	7
Chicago	416	Miami	0	San Diego	32
Cincinnati	10	Milwaukee	107	San Francisco	290
Cleveland	144	Minneapolis	200	Savannah	1
Dallas	13	Mobile	1	Seattle	223
Denver	2	Newark	145	Springfield	3
Detroit	194	New Haven	36	Tampa	0
El Paso	5	New Orleans	10	Washington Field	7
Honolulu	0	New York	1,855		
		Norfolk	1	<u>Total</u>	<u>4,924</u>

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<u>DISTRICTS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>STATES INCLUDED IN DISTRICT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>
Connecticut District	36	Connecticut	36
Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District	124	Pennsylvania (Eastern) Delaware	119 4
Illinois District	419	Illinois (Excluding East St. Louis area) Iowa (Davenport & Bettendorf only)	419 0
Indiana District	46	Indiana	46
Maryland-D.C. District	47	Maryland District of Columbia	40 7
Michigan District	194	Michigan	194
Minnesota-Dakota District	200	Minnesota North Dakota South Dakota	170 18 12
Missouri District	41	Missouri Kansas (Kansas City only) Illinois (East St. Louis only)	38 3 0
Montana District	20	Montana	20
New England District	106	Vermont Maine New Hampshire Massachusetts Rhode Island	2 0 2 93 9
New Jersey District	145	New Jersey	145
New York District	1,888	New York	1,888
Northern California District	301	California (north of Kern & Santa Barbara Counties)	301
Northwest District	228	Washington Idaho Alaska	223 5 0
Ohio District	157	Ohio West Virginia (Panhandle Section)	154 3

DISTRICTS - (Continued)

Oklahoma-Arkansas District	11	Oklahoma Arkansas	11 0
Oregon District	42	Oregon	42
Southern California District	675	California (Exclusive of counties north of Santa Barbara & Kern Counties)	675
Southern Region	53	Alabama	3
		Florida	0
		Georgia	6
		Louisiana	10
		Mississippi	0
		North Carolina	3
		South Carolina	0
		Tennessee	0
		Texas (Exclusive of the 17 western counties)	23
		Virginia	8
Western Pennsylvania District	22	Pennsylvania (Western)	22
Wisconsin District	107	Wisconsin	107
<u>STATES WITHOUT FORMAL CP ORGANIZATION</u>	62	Arizona	21
		Colorado	2
		Hawaii	0
		Iowa	3
		Kansas	2
		Kentucky	0
		Nebraska	2
		Nevada	0
		New Mexico	5
		Texas (17 western counties)	5
		West Virginia (Exclusive of the four panhandle counties)	6
		Wyoming	0
		Utah	16
<u>Total</u>	4,924	<u>Total</u>	4,924
TERRITORIAL POSSESSION	11	Puerto Rico	11

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION

	<u>3-31-62</u>	<u>6-30-62</u>	<u>9-30-62</u>	<u>12-31-62</u>
Albany	14	14	13	13 -
Albuquerque	5	5	5	5 -
Anchorage	0	0	0	0
Atlanta	2	3	3	5 +
Baltimore	43	43	43	45 +
Birmingham	2	2	2	2
Boston	104	104	100	104
Buffalo	33	31	25	22 -
Butte	24	24	26	25 +
Charlotte	4	4	4	3 -
Chicago	445	444	436	416 -
Cincinnati	15	14	10	10 -
Cleveland	146	146	146	144 -
Dallas	15	15	14	13 -
Denver	2	2	2	2
Detroit	194	194	194	194
El Paso	5	5	5	5
Honolulu	2	2	2	0 -
Houston	3	3	3	3
Indianapolis	52	52	48	46 -
Jacksonville	6	6	6	0 -
Kansas City	10	10	9	8 -
Knoxville	0	0	0	0
Las Vegas	0	0	0	0
Little Rock	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	640	643	651	654 +
Louisville	0	0	0	0
Memphis	0	0	0	0
Miami	17	17	17	0 -
Milwaukee	113	112	110	107 -
Minneapolis	228	223	217	200 -
Mobile	3	3	2	1 -
Newark	150	150	145	145 -
New Haven	33	33	33	36 +
New Orleans	10	10	10	10
New York	1,943	1,936	1,935	1,855 -
Norfolk	1	0	1	1
Oklahoma City	11	11	11	11
Omaha	8	6	5	5 -
Philadelphia	129	134	134	119 -
Phoenix	20	20	22	21 +
Pittsburgh	32	25	26	31 -
Portland	40	40	41	42 +
Richmond	7	7	7	7
St. Louis	35	35	35	35
Salt Lake City	15	15	16	16 +
San Antonio	6	7	7	7 +

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES IN FIELD DIVISION

	<u>3-31-62</u>	<u>6-30-62</u>	<u>9-30-62</u>	<u>12-31-62</u>
San Diego	37	35	31	32—
San Francisco	312	318	294	290—
Savannah	1	0	0	1
Seattle	228	230	222	223—
Springfield	2	3	3	3
Tampa	10	10	10	0—
Washington Field:	7	7	7	7
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TOTALS	5,164	5,153	5,088	4,924
San Juan	13	11	13	11



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Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted]  
[redacted] dated 1/15/63 at Seattle, copy to New York.

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ReNYlet 1/14/63 to the Director, copy forwarded  
to Seattle by the Bureau.

Rerep indicates a Northwest District Communist  
Party, USA, reregistration of Party members is to be  
completed and a report submitted to the district by 2/8/63.

Seattle should advise the Bureau and New York  
the results of the reregistration when they are available.

Relet advise no information has been developed  
by that office concerning a reregistration campaign by  
the Communist Party either in the Party's national office  
or the New York District.

Seattle and New York should be alert for  
information concerning any Party registration efforts  
in other Communist Party districts.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26915)

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BEATRICE SISKIND JOHNSON  
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DATE: 1/25/63

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EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED WITH RESPECT TO DISSEMINATION OF THE INFORMATION HEREIN SINCE, BY ITS NATURE, IT TENDS TO IDENTIFY CG 5824-S\*, A VALUABLE INFORMANT, AS THE SOURCE THEREOF. UNLESS THIS INFORMATION IS OBTAINED FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN CG 5824-S\*, IT SHOULD NOT BE INCORPORATED - EVEN IN PARAPHRASED FORM - IN THE INVESTIGATIVE SECTION OF A REPORT.

On 12/21/62, CG 5824-S\* furnished information which was incorporated in CG airtel, 12/28/62, entitled "SOLO; IS-C." CG 5824-S\* obtained this information in early December, 1962, from BEATRICE SISKIND JOHNSON, who traveled from East Berlin, GDR, to Prague, Czechoslovakia to see him. This information is summarized:

1-NY 100-	[REDACTED] (412)
1-NY 100-0-134514	[REDACTED] (412)
1-NY 100-104206	[REDACTED] (412)
1-NY 100-	[REDACTED] (412)
1-NY 100-80638	(CPUSA MEMBERSHIP) (414)
1-NY 100-	(SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY-EAST GERMAN CP) (41)
1-NY 100-80444	(WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION) (41)
1-NY 105-	(AMERICANS LIVING IN GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC-EAST GERMANY)
1-NY 100-50873	[REDACTED] (412)
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BEATRICE SISKIND JOHNSON

She is now 60 years of age and frustrated. After 10 years as Secretary of the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF), she has quit and would like to leave Germany. She is thinking of going to Cuba, or if she stays in Germany, of writing a history of the WIDF. To do the latter, she would need a Party pension which is larger than the regular GDR pension. The Germans have not taken her into the Socialist Unity Party (SED) and generally treat her as an outcast. She wants the CPUSA to send a letter to the SED recommending her for a pension and stating that she is a member in good standing in the CPUSA. She wants the CPUSA to state also that members of the CPUSA should retain their citizenship, so that her daughter [redacted] can travel outside the GDR to retain her citizenship. CPUSA to contact ELMER JOHNSON to send daughter's birth certificate as proof of citizenship. JOHNSON had such documents when she landed in Poland but Polish United Workers Party (CP) officials took them.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] is a Negro expatriate who formerly lived in France, but now resides in the GDR. When he first came to GDR he did some drawing, then worked for a radio station, but at present is doing nothing. CPUSA is asked to advise whether [redacted] is, or is not, a member of the CPUSA.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] is now residing in GDR. JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and some youths from 8th World Festival said they knew [redacted] but didn't know whether he is a member of CPUSA. JOHNSON thinks [redacted] an unsavory character but requested CPUSA to advise if he is a Party member.

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[REDACTED]

Formerly from Chicago but married a German writer named [REDACTED] (PH). She returned with him to Germany after World War II. [REDACTED] recently asked if it was all right to pay her Party dues in the US. JOHNSON wants this discussed with CPUSA.

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[REDACTED] brother of BEATRICE, resides in Poland and is writing a book on economics. He is presently employed as a translator.

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This information is contained in 100-134637-2003.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

FROM: SA JOSEPH V. WATERS (#414)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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DATE: 2/7/63

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, dated 1/23/63, at NY, entitled as above, reflects activity of the CP, USA, for the quarterly period 10/1/62 to 12/31/62. Details of such activity may be found in this report under the following:

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1-NY (100-80638) (CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP) (414)  
1-NY (100-74560) (CPUSA - FUNDS) (414)  
1-NY (100-81338) (CPUSA - SECURITY MEASURES) (414)  
1-NY (100-96985) (CPUSA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS) (414)  
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1-NY (100-88123) (CPUSA - UNITED NATIONS) (414)  
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1-NY (100-80643) (CPUSA - WOMEN MATTERS) (414)  
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1-NY (100-88297) (CPUSA - CULTURAL ACTIVITIES) (414)  
1-NY (100-79498) (CPUSA - VETERANS MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-54651) (CPUSA - NATIONAL GROUPS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80864) (CPUSA - RELIGION) (414)  
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1-NY (100-140277) (CP INTEREST IN PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE) (413)  
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- International Relations
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- Education
- CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence

No information suitable for inclusion in this report was developed during the period 10/1/62, to 12/31/62, concerning the following activities of the CP, USA:

- Membership
- Security Measures
- Factionalism
- United Nations
- Colonial Matters
- Legislative Activities
- Domestic Administration Issues
- Women Matters
- Farmers Matters
- Cultural Activities
- Veterans Matters
- Religion
- Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations
- Public Appearances of CP Leaders

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer  
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Chicago, Illinois

February 19, 1963

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, ILLINOIS  
DISTRICT - SECURITY MEASURES  
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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned that on February 16, 1963, there was a meeting of the leading body of the Communist Party of Illinois. At this meeting an individual in charge of organizational matters for the Illinois District made a proposal for a limited check-up of membership which would in effect be a form of registration to be conducted through club chairmen rather than through the individuals. This check-up or registration will cover the following items and will involve answering questions as listed below:

The first series of questions deals with the problems surrounding The Worker. Club chairmen will be asked how many subscriptions are in the club. How many could be obtained if they were delivered rather than subscribed to and how many people would be willing to deliver Workers to individuals?

Club chairmen will be further asked whether the club has a person who would be responsible for the circulation of "Labor Today." Also, what are the possibilities of developing discussion groups in the club with non-Party contacts? Can the club have a list of contacts for a mailing list by April 1, 1963, and can the club have its own mailing list

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, ILLINOIS  
DISTRICT - MEMBERSHIP

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, ILLINOIS  
DISTRICT - SECURITY MEASURES

ready by April 1? Can the club increase its sustainer fund? What special problem of people does the club have? What people in the club have either security problems, health problems, or what have you that prevents them from functioning? What is the composition of the club as far as Negro and white? What is the club's opinion as to a three-month plan of work in the Party?

Source was able to report that the above series of questions will be submitted to the various club chairmen and that they will not be in writing. Further, that only the persons conducting the interview will have the questions.

Source was not aware of exactly when this plan of registration would be implemented and he was unaware as to whether this procedure will be followed on a national basis.

"Labor Today" is further described in the attached page, based on information from sources who have furnished reliable information in the past.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, ILLINOIS  
DISTRICT - MEMBERSHIP

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APPENDIX

"LABOR TODAY"

In January, 1962, source advised that on January 13, 1962, GUS HALL, whom the source described as General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, remarked that the Party supported trade union publication would be issued in the near future and would appear under the name "Labor Today."

On January 5, 1962, records in the Assumed Name Section, Office of the Wayne County, Michigan, Clerk at Detroit, contained Certificate Number 145344 issued for conducting a business under an assumed name to "Labor Today" (a bi-monthly publication) having business address at 12065 Wyoming, Detroit 4, Michigan. A certificate was signed January 2, 1962, and the names of the persons named conducting, transacting the same and addresses were:

[REDACTED]

Detroit, Michigan      Detroit, Michigan

A second source advised on December 15, 1961, that [REDACTED] was then a member of the Michigan District Communist Party (MDCP) State Committee; this source advised on September 18, 1959, that [REDACTED] was then a member of the MDCP State Committee.

A third source advised on September 21, 1961, that as of September 17, 1961, [REDACTED] was a member of the North-West Section Club of the MDCP.

The Founding Statement contained in the Introductory Issue - Spring, 1962, of "Labor Today" states in part that "This introductory number will be followed by at least two others during the remainder of 1962. With the beginning of the new year, 'Labor Today' will appear regularly as a bi-monthly journal."

The masthead of the above issue of "Labor Today" describes the publication as "An Independent Journal of Discussion" and whose managing editor is [REDACTED] with business and editorial offices located at 12065 Wyoming, Suite 5, Detroit 4, Michigan.

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CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT -  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information made available by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past. The attached letterhead memorandum contains information concerning a Communist Party of Illinois Staff meeting of 2/16/63 at which there were only five people present. The individual who made the proposals reported by source is [redacted] CP Board member, who is, in fact, the District Organization Secretary. Two copies of letterhead memorandum are being furnished New York.

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This memorandum has been suitably paraphrased and it is being classified "Confidential" to protect an extremely valuable informant. Bureau will be advised of any additional information.

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For information of the Bureau and the New York Office, the so-called registration of the CP in the Northwest District (NWDCP) is not a new campaign for this area. This same campaign is carried on in the NWDCP at the end of each year and has been conducted for several years. Actually, as far as the NWDCP is concerned, this yearly registration is conducted so that dues payments and other contributions can be brought up to date and also serves as a time for yearly club elections. There is no indication that the current registration goes beyond the NWDCP or has a national character.

In the past, registration of CP members in the NWDCP lags after scheduled completion date and likewise, many club elections do not result for many weeks after the previously-scheduled deadline.

However, the Seattle Office has received information concerning some activity with respect to registration in the NWDCP, and it is set out as follows:

A. NORTH CENTRAL CP SECTION (Part of Seattle area)

1. Sno-King CP Club - [redacted] has advised that this club has been registered for 1963 and elections held. All club officers were re-elected, and [redacted] remains as the club chairman, and [redacted] remains as club organizational secretary. No new members have been registered in this club. All members identified.

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2 - New York (100-80633) (AM) (Reg.)  
1 - Seattle (100-18449) (AM) (Reg.)  
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2. Northeast Madison CP Club - [ ] has advised that this club has been registered and no new members were reported at time of registration. Subsequent to this registration, [ ] has ascertained that this club has just recently recruited a new male member in this club, which heretofore was composed of all females. b7D

3. Ballard - Greenwood CP Club - [ ] has advised that the registration of this club is completed and that the membership of this club is the same as in 1962 with the exception of the loss of one member who died. [ ] has verified this information. All members identified. b7D

4. Longshore CP Club - [ ] have advised that this club is composed of eight CP members, all of whom have been identified by the Seattle Office. This club meets infrequently and only four members meet since two other members live out of town, one other is ill, and one other is temporarily out of state. b7D

5. University Security CP Club (Secret) - [ ] has advised that this club is composed of one three individuals who meet infrequently. Since the North Central CP Section Organizational Secretary has announced that this section is fully registered, it is assumed that these three members are registered at this time. The identities of these members are known since [ ] has served as a club contact. b7D

6. East Madison CP Club - [ ] reported that this club is registered according to the North Central Section Organizational Secretary, and no new members were involved. Identities of this club's members have been identified. b7D

7. Youth Club - According to [ ] and [ ] this club did not conduct any official registration, probably in view of the newness of this club. In the past six months, this club has obtained some recruits and all have been identified. b7D

B. SOUTH CENTRAL CP SECTION (Part of Seattle area)

1. Metal Trades CP Club - [ ] has advised that part of this club is registered but not complete in view of continued absence of some members to club meetings. No new members recruited and all members identified. b7D

2. Des Moines CP Club - This club has been registered and club elections are not yet completed. No new members, and all members identified.

3. Downtown CP Club - No official registration was conducted in this club, but financial records of this club, as maintained by [ ] indicate that dues are current, and no new members have been recruited. All members identified. b7D

4. White Center CP Club - [ ] Club Organizational Secretary, has advised that this club has registered with no new members. All members identified. b7D

5. 33rd District Club - [ ] indicates that this club meets only infrequently, and registration is doubtful. [ ] has been asked by the Organizational Secretary of King County CP, which encompasses both the North Central and South Central Section, to handle the bookkeeping for her and from information received from [ ] it is indicated that all members of the South Central Section are not yet registered. All members identified. b7D

#### C. SNOWHOMISH CP SECTION

This section has one CP club, and there is no indication from [ ] a club member, that an official registration has taken place in this club or section. [ ] claims to have been recruited as a new member, but this has not been verified by other sources as yet, since meetings of this section are not well attended and are infrequent. All members are identified or tentatively identified. b7D

#### D. PIERCE CP SECTION

According to informants in this section, registration has not taken place as yet. All members believed to have been identified.

#### E. WHATCOM CP SECTION

This section is continuing its factionalist dispute with NWDCP leadership; no known meetings are being held, and it is doubtful if registration has been conducted in this section.

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**F. SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON CP SECTION**

The Aberdeen-Hoguan CP Club and the Olympia CP Club have completed their registration, and no new members recruited. The Seattle Office has four security informants in this section, one of whom is on the section committee. All members identified.

**G. SPOKANE CP SECTION**

This section has one club consisting of members in Spokane, Washington, and five members from the State of Idaho. This club has conducted its registration and only five members were registered from Spokane. All members identified.

**H. CLALLAM CP SECTION**

This section has one club and registration has been completed, and no new members recruited at the time of registration. Club elections have not taken place as yet. All members identified.

As indicated above, registration in the NWDCP of its CP members is conducted in different ways by the different clubs. Normally, registration is mentioned at one particular meeting and a review of the past year's work and accomplishments are discussed. Current dues are collected or pledged and this meeting is used as a means of bringing back-dues up-to-date and to bring a fund drive to its completion. Completion of the district registration usually lags for several months after due date so that members who are drifting away from the CP can be contacted for dues if nothing more. It is expected that about June, 1963, this registration will be completed and the NWDCP will make an announcement at the June, 1963, meeting of the District Committee, which is covered by [REDACTED]

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [REDACTED]  
FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON  
SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED  
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: February 27, 1963

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[REDACTED]	1/30/63 CP Club Meeting	2/5/63	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS  
INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY  
OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

4 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)  
PUBLIC APPEARANCE OF PARTY LEADERS  
BEN DAVIS  
YOUTH MATTERS  
MEMBERSHIP

15 - Baltimore

[REDACTED]  
100-11640 FUNDS  
100-17509 [REDACTED]  
100-10653 [REDACTED]  
100-12069 [REDACTED]  
100-12456 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
100-17043 [REDACTED]  
100-12598 [REDACTED]  
100-12425 [REDACTED]  
100-12076 GEORGE MEYERS  
100-22826 NEW ERA BOOK SHOP  
100-160 [REDACTED]  
100-12510 STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY  
100-12948 THE WORKER  
100-12462 YOUTH MATTERS

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"Baltimore, Maryland  
February 5, 1963

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"The following report concerns a meeting of SAM SCHMERLER's Communist Party (CP) club which was held January 30, 1963, at the home of [redacted] Baltimore, Maryland.

CP members in attendance included the [redacted]  
[redacted]

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"The meeting got under way about 9:25 p.m. with MEYERS acting as chairman in the absence of SCHMERLER. MEYERS commented that SCHMERLER would not be present since he was out of town.

"MEYERS told the group that he had visited Goucher College on Tuesday night, January 22, 1963, following a call from some woman. He said he spoke to a group which included students and a few other persons who had been invited. MEYERS said that he had presented his views and invited questions and felt that the very fact that he had been invited was important. He said that he thought he had laid the groundwork for an invitation which might be extended to BEN DAVIS or some other top Party leader.

"MEYERS then said that as a result of such student contacts the CP has in recent years recruited youth into the Party which was important. He then added that they had not been successful in such recruiting locally. MEYERS added that youth that had been recruited into the Party recently were being trained so that they could be moved up rapidly.

"MEYERS then talked about Red China stating that the CP, USA was on the side of the Soviet Union in its quarrel with Red China. He referred to the article which had appeared in January 13, 1963, issue of 'The Worker' on the Cuba crisis and the world situation.

"While MEYERS was talking about Red China, [redacted] came to the door and came into the house briefly. During the time he was there MEYERS went into a back room. [redacted] did not know that MEYERS was in the house.

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"After [redacted] left, MEYERS said that it was important for the Party to get the support of prominent individuals of all

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ances and all types of organizations with regard to the 15-point AFL-CIO Labor Program as it was laid down in the January 11, 1963, issue of the 'Morning Sun.'

"After discussion contributions to the Party were collected. MEYERS gave [REDACTED] \$5 saying it was the CP dues paid by his wife, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] gave [REDACTED] \$2 for CP dues.

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"MEYERS then said that he had some CP literature to sell and sold some books to RALPH MC GUIRE and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] collecting \$7.50. MEYERS said that the \$7.50 would be given to BOB LEE, CP member, who was operating the New Era Book Shop.

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"The meeting was over at about 10:45 p.m."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: February 26, 1963

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

This letter is directed to all Bureau offices covering the respective headquarters of the various Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), Districts.

The Northwest District of the CPUSA recently conducted a membership reregistration which was to be completed 2-8-63. The Southern California District was to conduct a "census" of its membership during January, 1963. At a 2-16-63 meeting of the leading body of the Communist Party of Illinois it was agreed that a limited checkup of membership which, in effect, would be a form of registration, would be conducted through the club chairmen. It is not known when the Illinois registration will be conducted or whether it would be followed on a national basis.

In view of the above-indicated current Party registration activity in three widely separated Districts, it is reasonable to assume a general CPUSA national registration may be held. Therefore, all offices are instructed to be particularly alert for registration information in their own districts as well as on a national level. Chicago and New York are instructed to contact CG 5824-S\* and NY 694-S\*, respectively, and determine whether they have any registration information. New York should also be particularly alert for pertinent data during its periodic contacts with NY 2002-S\* and  b7D

Any positive registration information should be furnished to the Bureau, New York Office and other interested Bureau offices.

2- New Haven  
2- Philadelphia  
2- Chicago  
2- Indianapolis  
2- Baltimore  
2- Detroit  
2- Minneapolis

2- St. Louis  
2- Butte  
2- Boston  
2- Newark  
2- San Francisco  
2- Seattle  
2- Cleveland

2- Oklahoma City  
2- Portland  
2- Los Angeles  
2- Pittsburgh  
2- Milwaukee

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-362123)

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SAC, CHICAGO ( 65-3677 )

VICTOR PERLO  
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EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY HANDLING OR REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THE INFORMATION BY ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PARAPHRASED IF FOUND NECESSARY TO BE SET FORTH IN ANY REPORT FOR DISSEMINATION.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant's statement dated March 5, 1963, containing information orally furnished on March 5, 1963, by CG 5924-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA RICHARD W. HANSEN. This information was reduced to writing on March 6, 1963, and the original report is maintained in CG file A)134-46-7898.

2-Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)  
③-New York (RM)  
    (1-100-84994 (GSE HALL))  
    (1-100-94653 [REDACTED])  
    (1-100-80538 (CP, USA - Membership))  
2-Chicago  
    (1-A)134-46-7898)

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During conversation with GUS HALL on February 27, 1963, HALL remarked that he had met with VICTOR PERLO in New York City just prior to his departure for Chicago on February 22, 1963, and at that time PERLO had applied to him for readmission into the Communist Party, USA. HALL noted it was obvious that he and PERLO still disagreed on certain tactical questions regarding economic policy, one such item being the tax-cut matter now being debated in Congress; however, PERLO will accept Party policy and discipline and will be accepted back into the fold.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

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ReBulet, 2/26/63.

On 3/8/63, NY 2002-S\* and [redacted] were contacted and through these informants it was established that no material was being maintained by the National Office of the CPUSA, or the office of the New York District of the CP, which would indicate that a general registration of CP members has been in progress.

NY 694-S\* has advised on 2/28/63, that no national registration of CP members was being carried out, according to sources available to him.

No other informants of the NYO have furnished information at this time which would indicate that a registration project is being conducted by either the CPUSA or the New York District of the CP.

2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-80638) (414)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-141231)

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SA [ ] (424)

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OUR HOMES COMMITTEE (YSOHC)  
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On 3/12/63, [ ] orally advised the writer  
that the following is the breakdown of the YSOHC:

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YSOHC is located at Jan Hus House, 351 E. 74th  
St., NYC. [ ] actually controls YSOHC which is  
affiliated with the MCOH. Therfollowing are the officers:

[ ] Chairman  
[ ] Secretary

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The latter four individuals are Executive Board members.  
All of the above individuals are CP members. As concerns  
[ ] he was a CP member in [ ] club up until  
the time of [ ] wife's death. At that time this club  
disbanded and although [ ] continues to be a CP member today,  
his club assignment is not known.

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1 - 100-88090 [ ] (424)  
1 - 100-26970 [ ] (424)  
1 - 100-96733 [ ] (424)  
1 - 100-10288 [ ] (424)  
1 - 100-81285 [ ] (424)  
1 - 100- [ ] (424)  
1 - 100-97632 [ ] (424)  
1 - 100-139647 (Cominfil MCOH) (41)  
1 - 100-26603-C42 (NY County CP) (424)  
1 - 100-128817 (CP, USA, NYD Membership) (41)  
1 - 100-80638 (CP, USA Membership) (41)  
1 - 100-141231 (41)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740) (P)

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*B. should be  
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Re Bureau letter to New York dated 2/26/63.

On March 6, 1963, CG 5824-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] a member of the Staff of the Illinois CP, during the past week had stated that the Illinois CP is conducting a limited registration in this District. [redacted] stated they would try to get a record of members but they would not ask many questions. [redacted] related they desired to find out how many members they have in good standing, however, did not want a complete registration setting forth such things as names, ages, occupations, or other vital data. According to [redacted] they desire to find out who is in and who is out and in what organizations including mass organizations the members are functioning. [redacted] related this registration is not national in the sense that it is guided nationally although such registration was hinted for by the national office since they would like some figures in order to arrive at a more appropriate conclusion regarding their own membership.

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On February 21, 1963, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the Enlarged Staff of the CP of Illinois was held on February 16, 1963, in Chicago. At this meeting [redacted] a member of the Staff proposed that they carry out a form of registration in the Party to see where they stand and subsequently to try and stabilize the financial situation in the Party so that they can have another individual to work full time in the Party. [redacted] suggested they have a registration, though not elaborate, but one that could be done possibly through the Club Chairman. [redacted] stated they

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- ① - New York (Info) (RM)
- 4 - Chicago
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  - [redacted]
  - (1 - 100-18952) (CP MEMBERSHIP)

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would have a list of questions they would try to get answered by the Club Chairman. [ ] further commented this would be a limited registration and not one that would be all inclusive nor would they try to determine the names and addresses of every member. [ ] stated the persons conducting the registration should be restricted to CP Board members.

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This source further advised that at this meeting assignments were made as to which CP club each member of the Staff would be responsible for registering. [ ] proposed the following questions should be asked of the Club Chairman:

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(1) The number of members and dues payments of the club and try and bring every member up to date as of March, 1963, in dues.

(2) What mass organizations and/or unions they are members of and how many are in more than one.

(3) How many are subscribers to "Political Affairs," "World Marxist Review," "The Worker," and "Labor Today," and how may the club increase these subscriptions.

(4) What are the plans to expand the use of literature in the club.

(5) Certain specific personal requirements should be determined as follows:

- (A) Are there any in the club who will be willing to deliver "The Worker" to people's homes.
- (B) Does the club have any people willing to work on a Spanish newspaper.
- (C) Does the club have a person willing to work for subscriptions for "Labor Today."
- (D) Ask the Club Chairmen to canvass the club to see if their members need to have "The Worker" home delivered.
- (E) What are the possibilities in the club of developing pro-labor or pro-socialist classes for discussion groups among non-Party contacts.



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(F) Can the Club come up with a list of contacts by April 1, 1963, and can the Club have an extensive mailing list by April 1, 1963.

(6) On the question of finances, how much does the club contribute each month to the Party other than dues. Can this sum be expanded in order to help guarantee a second full timer in the District and can arrangements be made for efficient collection.

(7) Are there any special problem people in the club, that is, people with special security problems because of job or mass organization. Are there special people who have dropped out because of reasons other than ideological.

(8) What is the opinion of the club on the three-month proposals and what other matters should the Party be working on.

A suggestion was made that during this registration an attempt should be made to try and determine the composition of the clubs insofar as Negro and white members are concerned. This suggestion was adopted and it was stated that the month of March would be used for the registration.

Any further positive registration information will be furnished the Bureau and New York.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

3/29/63

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-4) - P -

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP, SOUTHERN REGION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Manual of Instructions, Section 67C, Page 12A,  
and New Orleans letter 3/29/63.

The following is a membership survey of the  
Communist Party (CP) in Louisiana. There has been no  
CP activity or membership in the Southern District of  
Mississippi.

There has been no substantial change in the CP  
in Louisiana since the submission of referenced letter.  
[redacted] continues to act as district organizer of the CP  
in Louisiana and communicates occasionally with ROSA LEBLANC  
HUBSCH, CP leader in New York.

[redacted] has reported that there has been no  
formal registration since 1953 - 1959; however, the members  
realize that when dues are collected from them that \$1 of  
the dues paid is used to cover their registration fee.  
[redacted] has reported that four members of the Baton Rouge  
group registered in the CP for 1963 on March 17, 1963.

The following is a breakdown of the various groups  
as furnished by [redacted] on March 23, 1963:

NAME OF MEMBER

DATE OF REGISTRATION

New Orleans, Louisiana

October 1, 1959  
September 23, 1959

2 - Bureau (RM)  
② - New York (100-30639) (RM)  
2 - New Orleans  
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NAME OF MEMBER

DATE OF REGISTRATION

Lettsworth, Louisiana \*

November 1, 1959  
November 1, 1959

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

March 17, 1963  
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\* It is noted there is no informant coverage in this group; however, [redacted] receive and report information concerning the activities of this group.

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The decrease in membership is occasioned by the deletion of [redacted] The informant advised on March 20, 1963, that she recently learned that they have been afraid to register after their last interview by FBI Agents.

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The following is a breakdown of the occupations, etc., of the membership:

White .....	0
Negro .....	0
Female .....	3
Male .....	0
Union Members .....	3
Veterans .....	2

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Occupations:

Housewife .....	2
Hospital orderly .....	1
Nurse .....	1
Laborer .....	4
TOTAL .....	8

INFORMANT COVERAGE

[redacted] who has been acting as district organizer, provides information concerning CP activities throughout the State of Louisiana. The informant is also charged with the registration of CP members and the collection of dues.

[redacted], the leader of the CP in the Lottsworth-Baton Rouge area, has agreed to collect dues and registration fees from the members in the Lottsworth-Baton Rouge area and forwards these monies to [redacted]

[redacted] provides information concerning the group in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and in view of his close contact with [redacted] is able to furnish information concerning the activities in Lottsworth, Louisiana.

[redacted] who was transferred to this division from San Antonio, has not made any contact with CP members in Louisiana to date, and is providing information concerning racial matters.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

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SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-242-Sub 1) (C)

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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, dated 1/2/63.

On the best available information, there are an estimated 7 CP members or sympathizers who are suspected of being CP members in the territory covered by the San Antonio Division. Of these seven, four of them can be positively identified as CP members. The other three are Security Informants who are active present CP members.

The seven individuals tabulated by nationality, race, sex, employment, known veterans, and known union members, are set forth below:

Nationality:

American 7

Race:

White 7

Sex:

Female 2  
Male 5

Total 7

Known Veterans 3

2-Bureau (AM RM)  
②-New York (100- CP Membership) (AM RM)  
1-San Antonio

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Union Members:

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Employment:

Bookkeeper	2
Bricklayer	1
Factory worker	1
Housewife	1
Salesmen	2

Total

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On 4/1/63, [ ] advised that JOHN STANFORD continues as the main CP leader in San Antonio. He has been a CP member and leader in San Antonio from at least July 1957 to the present time. He continues his efforts to strengthen the CP in this area. STANFORD has been a San Antonio representative on the State Committee of the CP of Texas from at least July, 1957. He has been Executive Secretary of the CP of Texas from at least February, 1958. In January, 1962, the State Committee and its offices were technically abolished; however, it was agreed the committee and its officers would continue to function and STANFORD has continued to do so to the present time.



DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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ReBulet to New York dated 2/26/63.

On March 26, 1963, [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Illinois District of the CPUSA was in the process of contacting all CP Club Chairmen for the purpose of conducting a CP registration. This source further reported that [ ] Executive Secretary of the CP of Illinois, had been designated to correlate the results of this registration.

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On April 8, 1963, [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [ ] had in his possession certain computations and information concerning the results of the registration to date. This source advised that [ ] had in his possession a list of 21 Community CP Clubs of the Illinois District showing the number of current members for each club. This computation reflected these 21 Clubs had a current membership of 218 individuals. This source further advised that [ ] had further computations regarding two Professional CP Clubs with a total of nine members and two Nationality Clubs with a total of ten members.

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This source advised that in addition to the above figures, [ ] had in his possession various breakdowns of these CP Clubs showing the race, sex, mass activity, dues status, etc. of the club members. Included in this material was information concerning the regularity with which the Clubs met and to what periodicals the members subscribed.

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Included in the material in the possession of [ ] was a projected total compilation of CP members in the Illinois District which totalled 300. The notes of [ ] indicated he did not have complete figures for several Nationality Clubs, several Professional Clubs as well as several Industrial Clubs.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- ① - New York (Info)(RM)
- 3 - Chicago
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A preliminary analysis of this material reveals that the Illinois District of the CP is well along in carrying out the complete registration of the District. It should be noted that the material in [ ] possession does not contain names; however, the additional data furnished by this source will greatly assist the Chicago Office in identifying the current CP members in the Illinois District.

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Any further information coming to the attention of this office will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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DATE: 4/29/63

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, dated 4/19/63, at New York, entitled as above, reflects activity of the CP, USA, for the quarterly period 1/1/63 to 3/31/63. Details of such activity may be found in this report under the following headings:

Organization  
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Security Measures

1-NY (100-80641) (CPUSA - ORGANIZATION) (414)  
1-NY (100-80638) (CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP) (414)  
1-NY (100-74560) (CPUSA - FUNDS) (414)  
1-NY (100-81338) (CPUSA - SECURITY MEASURES) (414)  
1-NY (100-96985) (CPUSA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS) (414)  
1-NY (100-87211) (CPUSA - FACTIONALISM) (414)  
1-NY (100-86624) (CPUSA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (414)  
1-NY (100-88123) (CPUSA - UNITED NATIONS) (414)  
1-NY (100-87212) (CPUSA - COLONIAL MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-79717) (CPUSA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (414)  
1-NY (100-80636) (CPUSA - LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES) (414)  
1-NY (100-89691) (CPUSA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES) (414)  
1-NY (100-80640) (CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION) (414)  
1-NY (100-80644) (CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80643) (CPUSA - WOMEN MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80634) (CPUSA - FARMERS MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-88297) (CPUSA - CULTURAL ACTIVITIES) (414)  
1-NY (100-79498) (CPUSA - VETERANS MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-54651) (CPUSA - NATIONAL GROUPS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80864) (CPUSA - RELIGION) (414)  
1-NY (100-81675) (CPUSA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80633) (CPUSA - EDUCATION) (414)  
1-NY (100-133902) (CPUSA - ATTEMPTS OF CP TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGANIZATIONS) (414)  
1-NY (100-140277) (CP INTEREST IN PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE) (413)  
1-NY (100-145839) (PUBLIC APPEARANCES OF PARTY LEADERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-4931) (414)

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- Factionalism
- International Relations
- Political Activities
- Legislative Activities
- Domestic Administration Issues
- Negro Question
- Youth Matters
- National Groups
- Pamphlets and Publications
- Education
- CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence
- Public Appearances of Party Leaders

No information suitable for inclusion in this report was developed during the period 1/1/63 to 3/31/63, concerning the following activities of the CP, USA:

- Membership
- Underground Operations
- United Nations
- Colonial Matters
- Women Matters
- Farmers Matters
- Cultural Activities
- Veterans Matters
- Religion
- Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations

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**ESTIMATED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP  
AS OF MARCH 31, 1963**

The following figures are set out according to states and territory, field divisions and Communist Party districts:

**MEMBERSHIP IN STATES AND TERRITORIES**

Alabama	3	Maine	0	Pennsylvania	136
Alaska	0	Maryland	39	Rhode Island	8
Arizona	22	Massachusetts	92	S. Carolina	0
Arkansas	1	Michigan	194	S. Dakota	12
California	956	Minnesota	170	Tennessee	0
Colorado	2	Mississippi	0	Texas	26
Connecticut	36	Missouri	39	Utah	18
Delaware	5	Montana	20	Vermont	8
District of Columbia	7	Nebraska	2	Virginia	8
Florida	0	Nevada	0	Washington	213
Georgia	6	New Hampshire	2	W. Virginia	9
Hawaii	0	New Jersey	145	Wisconsin	107
Idaho	5	New Mexico	5	Wyoming	0
Illinois	336	New York	1,784		
Indiana	46	N. Carolina	1	<u>Total</u>	4,698
Iowa	2	N. Dakota	18		
Kansas	4	Ohio	154	<u>Territory</u>	
Kentucky	0	Oklahoma	11		
Louisiana	8	Oregon	45	Puerto Rico	11

**MEMBERSHIP IN FIELD DIVISIONS**

Albany	14	Houston	3	Oklahoma City	11
Albuquerque	5	Indianapolis	46	Omaha	4
Anchorage	0	Jacksonville	0	Philadelphia	116
Atlanta	5	Kansas City	7	Phoenix	22
Baltimore	44	Knoxville	0	Pittsburgh	29
Birmingham	2	Las Vegas	0	Portland	45
Boston	102	Little Rock	1	Richmond	7
Buffalo	22	Los Angeles	633	St. Louis	37
Butte	25	Louisville	0	Salt Lake City	16
Charlotte	1	Memphis	0	San Antonio	7
Chicago	336	Miami	0	San Diego	32
Cincinnati	10	Milwaukee	107	San Francisco	288
Cleveland	144	Minneapolis	200	Savannah	1
Dallas	13	Mobile	1	Seattle	213
Denver	2	Newark	145	Springfield	0
Detroit	194	New Haven	36	Tampa	2
El Paso	3	New Orleans	8	Washington Field	7
Honolulu	0	New York	1,751		
		Norfolk	1	<u>Total</u>	4,698

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<u>DISTRICTS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>STATES INCLUDED IN DISTRICT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP</u>
Connecticut District	36	Connecticut	36
Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District	121	Pennsylvania (Eastern) Delaware	116 5
Illinois District	336	Illinois (Excluding East St. Louis area)	336
		Iowa (Davenport & Bettendorf only)	0
Indiana District	46	Indiana	46
Maryland-D.C. District	46	Maryland District of Columbia	39 7
Michigan District	194	Michigan	194
Minnesota-Dakota District	200	Minnesota North Dakota South Dakota	170 18 12
Missouri District	42	Missouri Kansas (Kansas City only) Illinois (East St. Louis only)	39 3 0
Montana District	20	Montana	20
New England District	105	Vermont Maine New Hampshire Massachusetts Rhode Island	3 0 2 92 8
New Jersey District	145	New Jersey	145
New York District	1,784	New York	1,784
Northern California District	297	California (north of Kern & Santa Barbara Counties)	297
Northwest District	218	Washington Idaho Alaska	213 5 0
Ohio District	157	Ohio West Virginia (Panhandle Section)	154 3

DISTRICTS - (Continued)

Oklahoma-Arkansas District	12	Oklahoma Arkansas	11 1
Oregon District	45	Oregon	45
Southern California District	656	California (Exclusive of counties north of Santa Barbara & Kern Counties)	656
Southern Region	51	Alabama	3
		Florida	2
		Georgia	6
		Louisiana	8
		Mississippi	0
		North Carolina	1
		South Carolina	0
		Tennessee	0
		Texas (Exclusive of the 17 western counties)	23
		Virginia	8
Western Pennsylvania District	20	Pennsylvania (Western)	20
Wisconsin District	107	Wisconsin	107
<u>STATES WITHOUT FORMAL CP ORGANIZATION</u>	60	Arizona	22
		Colorado	2
		Hawaii	0
		Iowa	2
		Kansas	2
		Kentucky	0
		Nebraska	2
		Nevada	0
		New Mexico	5
		Texas (17 western counties)	3
		West Virginia (Exclusive of the four panhandle counties)	6
		Wyoming	0
		Utah	16
<u>Total</u>	4,698	<u>Total</u>	4,698
TERRITORIAL POSSESSION	11	Puerto Rico	11

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES BY FIELD DIVISION

	<u>6/30/62</u>	<u>9/30/62</u>	<u>12/31/62</u>	<u>3/31/63</u>
Albany	14	13	13	14 ✓
Albuquerque	5	5	5	5
Anchorage	0	0	0	0
Atlanta	3	3	5	5
Baltimore	43	43	45	44
Birmingham	2	2	2	2
Boston	104	100	104	102
Buffalo	31	25	22	22
Butte	24	26	25	25
Charlotte	4	4	3	1
Chicago	444	436	416	336
Cincinnati	14	10	10	10
Cleveland	146	146	144	144
Dallas	15	14	13	13
Denver	2	2	2	2
Detroit	194	194	194	194
El Paso	5	5	5	3
Honolulu	2	2	0	0
Houston	3	3	3	3
Indianapolis	52	48	46	46
Jacksonville	6	6	0	0
Kansas City	10	9	8	7
Knoxville	0	0	0	0
Las Vegas	0	0	0	0
Little Rock	0	0	0	1 ✓
Los Angeles	643	651	654	633
Louisville	0	0	0	0
Memphis	0	0	0	0
Miami	17	17	0	0
Milwaukee	112	110	107	107
Minneapolis	223	217	200	200
Mobile	3	2	1	1
Newark	150	145	145	145
New Haven	33	33	36	36
New Orleans	10	10	10	8
New York	1,936	1,935	1,855	1,751
Norfolk	0	1	1	1
Oklahoma City	11	11	11	11
Omaha	-6	5	5	4
Philadelphia	134	134	119	116
Phoenix	20	22	21	22 ✓
Pittsburgh	25	26	31	29
Portland	40	41	42	45 ✓
Richmond	7	7	7	7
St. Louis	35	35	35	37 ✓
Salt Lake City	15	16	16	16
San Antonio	7	7	7	7

COMPARATIVE ESTIMATED MEMBERSHIP FIGURES IN FIELD DIVISION

	<u>6/30/62</u>	<u>9/30/62</u>	<u>12/31/62</u>	<u>3/31/63</u>
San Diego	35	31	32	32
San Francisco	318	294	290	288
Savannah	0	0	1	1
Seattle	230	222	223	213
Springfield	3	3	3	0
Tampa	10	10	0	2
Washington Field	7	7	7	7
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TOTALS.	5,153	5,088	4,924	4,698
San Juan	11	13	11	11

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1 - 100-612 [REDACTED]  
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1 - 100-29519 (Public Appearances  
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1 - 100-13460 (CP Funds)

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1 - 100-8482 [REDACTED]  
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1 - 100-1085 [REDACTED]  
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1 - 100-14857 [REDACTED]  
1 - 100-21782 [REDACTED]  
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1 - 100-26984 [REDACTED]  
1 - 100-19290 [REDACTED]  
1 - 100-21317 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-27934 (John Birch Society)

1 - 100-30243 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-14773 (CP BRIEF)

1 - 100-16906 (CP Membership)

1 - 100-2817 (Negro Question)

1 - 100-17188 (Legislative Activities)

1 - 100-1821 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-807 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-16288 [REDACTED]

1 - 65-138 (CARL HAESSLER)

1 - 100-30360 (REV. ALBERT CLEAGL)

1 - 100-13740 (HELEN WINTER)

1 - 100-13136 (GUS HALL)

1 - 100-25776 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-7818 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-3083 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-13420 (CARL WINTER)

1 - 100-1908 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-27993 [REDACTED]

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1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS)

1 - 100-145839 (Public Appearances of Party Leaders)

① - 100- (CP, USA Membership)

1 - 100-80640 (Negro Question)

1 - 100-74560 (CP Funds)

1 - 100-80636 (CP Legislative Activities)

1 - 100- (CP Brief)

TO SAC, DETROIT (100-<sup>11948</sup>~~20650~~)

DATE: MAY 21, 1963

FROM

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.  
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information  
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SA [REDACTED]

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SYNOPSIS

A buffet dinner was held at the Hartford Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, on 5/4/63, and the main speaker was BENJAMIN J. DAVIS.

DETAILS

On 5/9/63, Informant submitted a typewritten report dated 5/5/63, concerning his attendance at a buffet dinner in honor of Benjamin J. Davis who was the principal speaker. This affair was held on 5/4/63, at the Hartford Avenue Baptist Church, 6300 Hartford Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

On Saturday, May 4, 1963, a buffet dinner was held honoring Benjamin J. Davis. This dinner was held at the Hartford Avenue Baptist Church, Educational and Recreational Building, 6300 Hartford Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, at 7:00 P.M.

When [REDACTED] entered the building [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were selling the tickets at the door. A portion of the ticket was returned and [REDACTED] was taking that portion of the ticket at the front of the buffet table.

[REDACTED] was seated at a table with [REDACTED] facing the entrance of the hall. [REDACTED] was sitting opposite them.

A woman approximately 30 years old, caucasian, blond hair and about 5'5" in height entered. A remark was passed by [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] "What is she doing here?" "Are you going to ask her to leave?" [REDACTED] asked who she was. [REDACTED] replied that she hangs out at the John Birch Book Store on the Wayne Campus.

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A short time later a man entered, caucasian, approximately 5'5" tall, and in his early 30's. His build was on the heavy side. He sat at the same table with the woman described above. [ ] and [ ] then went over and sat at their table.

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Carl Hessler was the Master of Ceremony. He opened by telling a few jokes. Then he introduced Reverend [ ] Reverend [ ] talked about the racial problem in the south and what an honor it was to have Mr. Davis, a good friend of his, present.

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Mr. Hessler then introduced Reverend Cleage. Reverend Cleage spoke about the racial problem in the south and President Kennedy ignoring it. He talked about the six year old negro child bitten by a dog. He said the McCarran Act was an act against the negro people and he started to rage about the racial problem in the south and everyone should wire the president to intervene.

Helen Winters then took the floor and she talked about the books and free literature in the rear of the hall.

Mr. Hessler then introduced [ ] [ ] spoke about Mr. Davis and that they went to Law School together. He said he was honored to be able to introduce Mr. Davis. He said "I'd like to introduce Mr. Davis, a member of the Communist Party and not only a member of the Communist Party but also a member of the Central Committee." Mr. Davis then rose and walked to the podium. He received a standing ovation by all the people except for the people who were thought to be John Birch members.

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Mr. Davis said how honored he was to be present and what a wonderful reception he received and he would like to thank [ ] and everyone else connected in making this reception possible. He then said a few words about himself and [ ] being law students at Harvard Law School. He considers [ ] a fine Lawyer even though he got five (5) years in prison. He talked about having his license revoked in the state of New York and it took him a year and a half to get it back. He talked about the legislature in New York passing a bill called the Benjamin Davis Bill which prohibits people in his category to have drivers licenses. The funny thing is this bill does not pertain to him.

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He talked about the racial problem in the south and said the president is doing nothing about it. He said the McCarran Act is a bill which hampers the freedom of the negro people. He said concentration camps are constructed all over the United States and they hold from 50 to 200 thousand people. He said there are only 10,000 members in the Communist Party so why the big camps.

Mr. Davis then talked about being tailed by F.B.I. agents here in Detroit. He said it was not by one or two but three cars. They are so dumb that it takes three cars to tail him, one man, and all the racial problems in the south they are unable to do anything about or solve any murders. He then said that he and his friend, Gus Hall, are waiting indictments for not signing that they are members of the Communist Party. He said the reason they are not signing is because what they have written on the statements are a pack of lies. He said there will be another and another Benjamin Davis if they kill him and they will keep coming until they do away with white supremacy.

He talked about Mrs. Kennedy and her giving a speech in Florida to the Cuban Freedom Fighters. He said they are not freedom fighters and neither were the Hungarian Freedom Fighters really freedom fighters. They were acting for the banks and AT&T so that they could get back into the countries. The negro is the freedom fighter. He then talked about an organization on the west coast which was indicted by the S.U.A.C.B. for being a Communist front. Also a Union which is being indicted. He said the organization on the west coast was a peaceful organization wanting to do away with bomb tests and wars and he said the McCarran Act calls them a Communist front. He then gave an example of how Hitler came to power. It starts with laws like the McCarran Act and the S.U.A.C.B.

He urged everyone to wire the president about the racial problem.

With this he closed his speech. There also was an entertainment program consisting of [redacted] and one of the Smith children.

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Approximately 150 to 200 people were present.

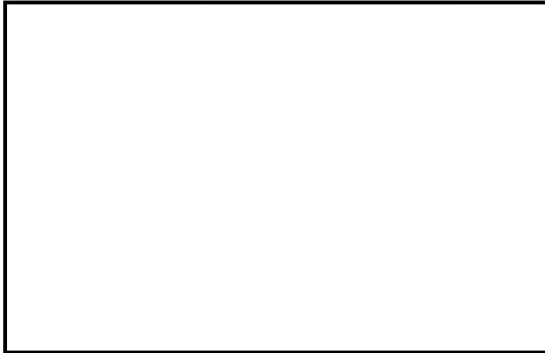
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A donation of \$400.00 was collected.

The following people were present:



Carl and Helen Winter



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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that consideration be given to include information pertaining to individuals mentioned in this report in their next annual report where appropriate.

New York has been advised of this affair by a separate communication.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

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Remylet to Director, 4/9/63.

On May 16, 1963, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at a recent meeting of the State Board of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, it was stated that the registration of CP members in the Illinois district had been completed. This source advised that the CP of Illinois leadership did not disclose an accurate figure of the number of members registered; however, it was indicated that the registration in the Illinois district totalled approximately 300.

This source further advised that no other information concerning a national registration of CP members was made available. In the event any further information concerning CP registrations comes to the attention of this office, the Bureau and interested offices will be immediately advised.

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① - New York (Info) (RM)

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(1 - 100-18952) (CP of Illinois Membership)

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FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284E)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA  
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DATE: 6/19/63

Date received <b>4/29/63</b>	Received from (name or symbol number) <b>[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past</b>	Received by <b>SA [redacted]</b>
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Brief description of activity or material

**Talk given by GUS HALL in Irvington, N. J.**

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Remarks:

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(1-100-84995) GUS HALL  
(1-100-23825) BEN DAVIS  
(1-100- UNSUB, Extra Secretary Employed at CP Headquarters in New York City  
(1-100-74560) CP, USA, FUNDS  
(1-100-145839) CP, USA, PUBLIC APPEARANCES OF PARTY LEADERS  
(1-100-81675) CP, USA, LITERATURE  
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**20 - Newark**

(1-100-35323) GUS HALL  
(1-100-21374) JAMES LUSTIG  
(1-100-47086) EVELINE LUSTIG  
(1-100-25039) [redacted]  
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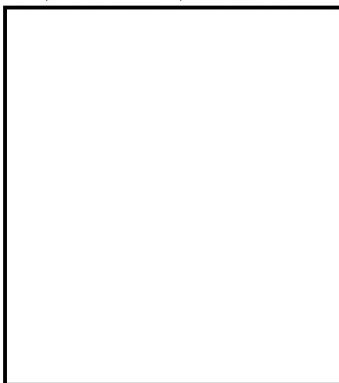
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April 29, 1963

On the evening of April 27, 1963, GUS HALL of the National leadership of the COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) gave a talk in the basement of the residence at 126 Eastern Parkway, Irvington, New Jersey. There were about 35 people present to hear HALL, most of whom were members of the CP or who were "progressive." There were a few non-CP members present who were apparently invited individually by the CP members. As far as could be determined, the affair had no prior advertising except by word of mouth among those present.

Some of the individuals present were:

JAMES LUSTIG (Chairman and Master of Ceremonies)  
EVELYN LUSTIG.



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[redacted] Street, Elizabeth,  
N. J., telephone EL 3-0446, a colored female  
who was brought by one of the men present.  
She seemed uncomfortable in the presence of  
the others.

The theme of HALL's speech was "why communists should be optimistic." HALL was very optimistic in his speech, saying that socialism is growing and more and more people are joining the CP, especially on school campuses; and more and more people are listening to the CP. HALL referred to how the "peace forces" stopped the invasion of Cuba, and HALL said the "war mongers" want to invade Cuba now but cannot do so. HALL claimed that the "war mongers" want war with the Soviet Union, but are unable to create this condition. HALL reviewed his experiences making

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speeches on college campuses, and he mentioned that BEN DAVIS would be leaving next week to begin a special tour at colleges in the West.

HALL also claimed that people today want facts and no "hoorah stuff." HALL said that Catholic schools are teaching about communism today and HALL called for unity with the Catholics. HALL said that a communist should not given up on a person just because he is Catholic, but should work with him. HALL claimed that Pope John XXIII's recent encyclical is the greatest peace message today.

HALL claimed that an extra secretary had been employed by CP Headquarters in New York City just to help with the volume of extra mail coming in from people who were writing for information about the CP. HALL claimed that a class of students from a college he did not name had visited CP Headquarters in New York City, along with its visits to the United Nations and other points of interest in the city.

As far as known, HALL did not call himself a member of the CP, but HALL addressed those present as "comrade" and HALL referred to invitations received by the CP requesting speakers at various colleges and HALL said he and BEN DAVIS answered these invitations. HALL said that on his speech tours people wanted to know about the CP, so he told them about the CP.

HALL's speech covered both foreign and domestic affairs. He spoke about the South American countries. After the speech there was a question-and-answer period. At this time a discussion developed concerning the Negro leadership split in the U. S. and the statement by ADAM CLAYTON POWELL. HALL shook hands with most everyone there at the end of the affair. A collection was taken after the speech, but no announcement was made concerning the amount of the collection or where the money would go. Everyone was invited to take free literature available in an amount equal to the amount of their donation.

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Newark indices contain no information on [redacted]

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name was obtained at the GUS HALL speech, but because of  
the large number of people present at the affair.

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New York, New York  
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Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Youth Matters  
Internal Security - C

There follows a summary of a National Youth Conference, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), held at Academy Hall, New York City, June 16-19, 1963, which was attended by approximately 25-30 individuals. The two confidential sources who furnished this information have furnished reliable information in the past.

First Day's Session  
June 16, 1963

[redacted] welcomed the delegates from throughout the country. After a standing silent tribute in memorial to the late Medgar Evers, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Official, who was slain in Jackson, Mississippi, [redacted] turned the conference over to Hy Lumer.

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On June 14, 1963, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] is National Youth Director, CPUSA, and a member of the National Committee, CPUSA.

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Hyman Lumer was released on January 18, 1963, from the Federal Penitentiary, after serving an 18 month sentence for conviction for Conspiracy under the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947.

On March 7, 1963, a fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Hy Lumer is National Educational Director, CPUSA.

Lumer addressed conference on "Party Policies and Ideologies", noting that recent statements by President Kennedy on Peace and Civil Rights are significant in that they mark a change of attitude on these issues. These statements were to the effect that war is not inevitable and the United States must re-examine its attitude on peace, cold war and relations with the Soviet Union, which is of utmost importance to peace. In addition, the President's recent speech on Negro Rights represents a change from the policy of just protection of Negroes Rights to one of assisting Negroes in the fight for their rights.

This report was followed by a discussion period, during which Lumer stated that "we" have to concentrate on ideological problems, become a part of the mass movements, and present the correct views of socialism as opposition to the erroneous views of other left groups.

[redacted] next spoke briefly on a Draft of the Party's Youth Program, previously prepared by the National Youth Commission and circulated throughout the Party. The discussion that followed brought out the opinion that, although the draft was complete in content, it lacked style and was at times too general.

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During the evening, a report was given on Tasks in the Party Youth Program. This report brought out the following tasks confronting Communist Youth today:

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1. Recruiting. The goal of the last recruiting drive was to double Party youth in six months, and 70 per cent of this goal was achieved. The breakdown of new youth in the Party is 65 per cent students, 35 per cent working youth and 10 per cent Negroes.

2. Development of a Marxist Oriented Youth Organization. The main problem is the lack of leadership.

3. Development of circulation and quality of the youth press.

4. Education. The changing Party base has resulted in lack of proper perspective on the part of many youths who do not understand the Party line.

After noting such problems as the slowness nationally and locally in taking up youth questions, unawareness in National Center of what is going on around the country in the way of conferences of other organizations, and the relationship between leadership and membership, the report proposed a new recruiting program to run from September to January with a goal to increase membership 50 per cent with emphasis on Negroes.

The concluding report was a summary of court action outstanding against the Party to date. This report indicated the need to build mass support against the McCarran Act.

Second Day's Session  
June 17, 1963

In the morning, a lengthy report on the peace movement and possible activities in this field was given. This report stressed that at the time of the Cuban crisis, there were more people in the peace movement than at any other time, and that this in turn caused a growth in student peace organizations. In the recent period, however, there has been a feeling of loss of direction and lack of activity in the peace movement. The report noted that the peace movement has little effect on American

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foreign policy, but added that the President of the United States must take note of the peace movement in the United States. "We" must keep up pressure in this regard. In this connection, the masses must be made aware of the peace question and in order to do this efforts must be made to approach students, church groups, civic organizations and the like on particular issues effecting them, such as Negro rights, unemployment, etc., and then inserting the question of peace and the cold war in all discussions. The report stressed that the peace movement plays an important role and is related to the fight for civil rights and other legislation. One of the major ways to bring the peace question to the American public is through the running of third party candidates, at least in primary elections; said candidates to come from civil rights and peace forces.

The report mentioned the need for freedom of travel for students and mentioned the exchange of students with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) as being desirable. It noted that committees to fight for freedom of travel still existed at some colleges in this country, and suggested the need for a broad committee to study United States - Puerto Rican relations. It was indicated that the Party in general has the responsibility in this regard.

Following a discussion period of the peace report, a brief summary was presented in which the united front was mentioned. The united front was described as meaning the taking of various forces with different ideologies, but with certain points in common, and working together among these forces on these particular points. Through such activity, various platforms are put forth, debate is held and then the question of leadership can be solved. Next, the Student Peace Union was mentioned as one of the dominant trends in the peace movement. It was stated that there are many independent peace groups, some of which have better positions, which are growing in numbers and "we" should welcome them. This forms the basis for some time in the future for these peace groups to come together, possibly forming a new organization. These groups need the influence of the Party and time and energy must be expended to develop a greater influence in these groups.

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During the evening session, the members present at the conference discussed matters relating to the question of unemployed youth. It was stated that there were three approaches in terms of unemployment:

1. Move mass organizations to pick up the question and act on it.
2. Continuing the efforts of left forces on this question.
3. The need to develop independent national initiative, dedicated solely to the organization of unemployed youth on a national scale.

The last speaker of the evening spoke at length on the Medgar Evers funeral in Jackson, Mississippi.

Third Day's Session  
June 18, 1963

The conference dealt with matters relating to Marxist groups. It was agreed after discussion that a need exists for a broad organization among youth. The proper development of young people in such an organization would result in youth desiring to join the Party.

During the afternoon session, there was discussion of the need for working class opposition to the McCarran Act. The current struggle of the Negro for full integration was also discussed. The violence which erupted in Birmingham was described as the culmination of a lot of separate incidents which have built up over the years since 1955. It was stated that the scope of the struggle has broadened and there is now a desire on the part of white America to solve this problem. Church groups and various economic interests are now coming out on behalf of the Negro people. In addition, it was stressed that it was a mistake to think that victory was around the

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corner in the Negro struggle for equality. The need to close the gap between the economic condition of the Negro and that of the white man was noted. Notice was taken of the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) march on Washington, scheduled for October, and it was proposed that all in attendance should, on returning to their districts, work to obtain support for this NALC march. Another proposal was made that a long range plan be formulated now for demonstrations in Washington in the event of a filibuster on civil rights.

Fourth Day's Session  
June 19, 1963

This session of the conference was opened with a report which referred to unemployment among youth, civil rights struggles in the South and on campuses, and the Youth Unemployment Act. It was stated that momentous developments are going on today and that their publications should carry these developments. "New Horizons For Youth" has a circulation of 3,500 per month, but only 750 subscribers. "Communist Viewpoint" has little distribution among active sections of the youth. It was stated that the quality of all "our" publications must be improved to increase circulation and raise the level of understanding of youth.

This report was followed by a discussion which centered on the problems involved in increasing circulation and expanding the use of Marxist publications.

During the afternoon, a discussion period was held which centered on political activities of the major political parties and the contributions and issues that can be made and supported by youth in this field. In addition, the ultra right's challenge for control of the National Students Association (NSA) was discussed at length. It was proposed that the National Youth Commission study the NSA for the purpose of countering the influence of the ultra right. The discussion period was closed on the topic of the peace movement and their possible participation in a National Students Strike for Peace.

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[ ] in summary, stated that the conference had been held against the background of a social democratic revolution (Negroes Rights), the growing struggle for workers rights, unemployment and discrimination in jobs. Commenting that the size of the Party youth was small in numbers, [ ] listed their objectives as:

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1. Unite youth against monopoly enslavement.
2. Build alliances between youth movements and the working class.
3. Negro - white unity.

In order to accomplish these, [ ] stated that "we" must examine the issues, the organizational forms and their channels. He listed the issues as peace, Negro rights, civil rights and job security. When selecting which issues to use, [ ] suggested that for immediate results, the issue with the most appeal to the masses should be considered with the idea in mind of tying this popular issue in with the more important long range Party ideological issue. He said the most important issue today for youth is unemployment. To develop mass movements around these issues, it is first important to keep the platform non-specific. [ ] said that the principle approach to mass movements is through:

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1. Mass organizations such as the NAACP, Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), etc.
2. Labor unions.
3. Left organizations.
4. The Party and its public voice.

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[ ] next discussed the importance of establishing a Marxist Oriented Youth Organization and explained they hoped to get a lot of recruits from such an organization. He said a strong press was needed to build a Marxist organization, the Party and influence the masses. The emphasis of this conference, according to [ ] was on the working class and Negro rights. Although the McCarran Act did not get much mention at the conference, [ ] stated it is the life and death struggle of the Party in this country and "we are going to stand firm".

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[ ] advised that the cost of this conference to the National Office was excessive and that unless local areas contribute more financially in the future, he felt that there would not be another one in six months. With reference to the status of this conference, [ ] explained that the National Youth Commission was the body of the Party charged with the responsibility of making decisions regarding the conduct of Party youth activities. He said that although this conference lacks the status to make decisions in youth matters, [ ] felt the National Youth Commission would feel very much bound by the discussions held during the past four days.

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Via AIRTEL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-76)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80644)

SUBJECT: CPUSA  
YOUTH MATTERS  
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Enclosed herewith are six copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a National Youth Conference, CPUSA, held in New York City, 6/16-19/63.

Sources utilized in this memorandum, in order of use, are:

1. NY 4042-S\*
2. NY 4043-S\*
3. NY 694-S\*
4. NY 5824-S\*

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-76) (Encls. 6) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-128255) ( ) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-144163) (STUDENT PEACE UNION) (413)
- 1 - New York (100-143130) (PYOC) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-82655) (NATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION)
- 1 - New York (100-79303) (CORE) (412)
- ① - New York (100-80638) (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-80640) (CPUSA-NEGRO MATTERS) (414)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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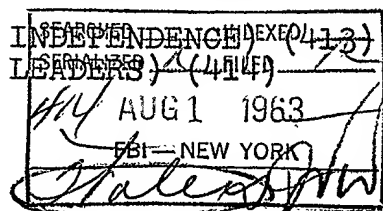
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Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS dated 7/19/63 at New York, entitled as above, reflects activity of the CP, USA, for the quarterly period 4/1/63 to 6/30/63. Details of such activity may be found in this report under the following headings:

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1-NY (100-80643) (CPUSA - WOMEN MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80634) (CPUSA - FARMERS MATTERS) (414)  
1-NY (100-88297) (CPUSA - CULTURAL ACTIVITIES) (414)  
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1-NY (100-54651) (CPUSA - NATIONAL GROUPS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80864) (CPUSA - RELIGION) (414)  
1-NY (100-81675) (CPUSA - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (414)  
1-NY (100-80633) (CPUSA - EDUCATION) (414)  
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1-NY (100-140277) (CP INTEREST IN PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE) (414)  
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No information suitable for inclusion in this report was developed during the period 4/1/63 to 6/30/63, concerning the following activities of the CP, USA:

- Membership
- Underground Operations
- United Nations
- Colonial Matters
- Legislative Activities
- Women Matters
- Farmers Matters
- Veterans Matters
- Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations
- CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence

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AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-88)  
SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-242-Sub 1) (C)

RE: CP - USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 1/2/63.

On the best available information, there are an estimated 7 CP members or sympathizers who are suspected of being CP members in the territory covered by the San Antonio Division. Of these seven, four of them can be positively identified as CP members. The other three are Security Informants who are active present CP members.

The seven individuals tabulated by nationality, race, sex, employment, known veterans, and known union members, are set forth below:

Nationality:

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Sex:

Female	2
Male	5

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Known Veterans	3
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Union Members	1
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Employment:

Bookkeeper	2
Bricklayer	1
Factory worker	1

Housewife	1
Salesmen	2

Total	7
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On 6/27/63, [ ] advised that JOHN STANFORD continues as the main CP leader in San Antonio. He has been a CP member and leader in San Antonio from at least July 1957 to the present time. He continues his efforts to strengthen the CP in this area. STANFORD has been a San Antonio representative on the State Committee of the CP of Texas from at least July 1957. He has been Executive Secretary of the CP of Texas from at least February, 1958. In January, 1962, the State Committee and its offices were technically abolished; however, it was agreed that the committee and its officers would continue to function and STANFORD has continued to do so to the present time.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: September 17, 1963

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
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As you are well aware, the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), is ever alert to exploit any domestic situation which presents the Party with an opportunity to work for the further development of its cause in promoting communism. The communist press consistently attempts to paint a false picture of the CPUSA as a champion of Negro rights and of the unemployed.

While the extent to which the Party will utilize the recent March on Washington as a steppingstone for future Party activity remains to be seen, it is interesting to note comments made at a recent meeting of leading Communist Party functionaries. At this meeting, James E. Jackson, Editor of "The Worker," stated that "The 200,000 people who took part in the March should be the 200,000 people who should be in our Party." Jackson indicated that the Party had a duty in the March to win Party members. George Morris, member of the editorial staff of "The Worker," at this same meeting commented "that union representation at the August 28th March was brought there by unions that are partially or to some extent Socialist-Party influenced or have a Left background."

We should anticipate that the Party will not resist this opportunity of supplementing its original efforts in the March on Washington through future contacts with March participants in the belief that groups interested in the Negro and civil rights issues will gravitate to the Party once they lose perspective of the issues involved and succumb to Party propaganda.

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Letter to New York  
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
100-3-68

Recipient offices should assure themselves that they are in a position to obtain all available data concerning any Party plans and/or efforts to make use of the March on Washington results in order to attract sympathizers and potential members.

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Date: **October 3, 1963**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: SAC, New York

✓ From: Director, FBI (100-3-68)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CReNYtel 10/3/63 concerning a meeting 10/2/63 of  
the National Executive Committee.

On page 2 of referenced teletype, your source  
reported on comments made by [redacted]  
said there has been some success in recruiting "but very  
little among youth." He went on to say, "We do not have  
enough Negro youth in the Party."

New York should expeditiously determine from  
live informants in attendance at this meeting whether or not  
[redacted] had reference to youth in general or only to Negro youth  
when he spoke of recruiting efforts of the Party. In this  
connection, it will be recalled that in the recent past  
[redacted] has reported on gains in the recruitment of youth.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -  
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(OO: NY)

ReBuairtel, 10/3/63, and NY airtel to Bureau,  
9/27/63, captioned, "CPUSA-ORGANIZATION; IS-C."

On 10/8/63, CG 5624-S\* was contacted by SA  
ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON. The informant recalled that  
at the 10/2/63 session of the NYC, CPUSA meeting, [redacted]  
[redacted] talked about youth matters in general. [redacted]  
stated that although there had been some recruitment of  
youth during 1963, there was need for improvement. He  
said there was still the need to build up youth. During his  
comments, [redacted] also mentioned that there was a need for  
more Negro youth in the Party.

CG 5624-S\* stated that he felt that [redacted] had  
reference to youth in general when he said there had been  
some recruitment of youth. [redacted] comment on the  
need for more Negro youths, according to the informant, was  
not tied in with the results of the Party's recruiting efforts.

In line with the above, referenced airtel dated  
9/27/63, disclosed that GUS HALL, on 9/26/63, at a meeting  
of leading functionaries of the CPUSA and invited guests held  
at CP Headquarters, NYC, stated that in spite of all their

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difficulties and slow progress they have recruited 22 or 23 people.

[redacted] was not present on 10/2/63, when [redacted] made his comments on youth.

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